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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors of Education
Supervisory Officers and Secretary-Treasurers of School Authorities
Director of the Provincial Schools Branch

RE: *Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 in Elementary and Secondary Schools*

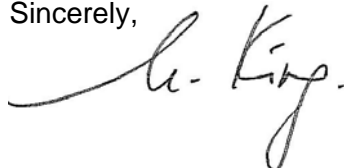
As part of Ontario's pH1N1 preparedness efforts for the school year, the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in partnership with the Ministry of Education has developed the attached *Guidelines for the Prevention and Management of Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 in Elementary and Secondary Schools*.

The purpose of these guidelines is to outline measures that should be taken in elementary and secondary school settings to prevent and reduce the spread of influenza. It reinforces the importance of good infection prevention and control practices and describes procedures for managing staff, students or volunteers who become ill.

These guidelines are being sent to Directors of Education to share with schools within each school board. However, it is important to note that everyone – staff, students, volunteers and parents – all play a role in ensuring that our schools are healthy and safe.

Please be sure to monitor the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care's H1N1 flu website regularly at www.ontario.ca/flu for updates and current information related to the H1N1 flu.

Sincerely,

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