

1. **Are there any confirmed cases of Novel H1N1 flu at East Valley Institute of Technology?**

According to the Maricopa County Department of Public Health there have been over 900 confirmed cases of H1N1 in the county. We will most likely see students and staff infected with H1N1 this school year.

2. **What is the district response to Novel H1N1 flu?**

The East Valley Institute of Technology will follow the direction of the Maricopa County Department of Public Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. We will continue to offer Flu Prevention Information. It includes hand-washing hygiene, cough/sneeze cover etiquette and good health habits. If a student is ill with a fever, we will be enforcing the County Health Department guideline which recommends that the student not be at school when he appears to be ill, especially with fever. [The health department has directed us to not allow children to be at school with fever or to return to school until they have been fever free for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication.](#)

3. **What prevention programs does the district currently have in place?**

Students and staff will continue to receive education on the healthy habits of covering coughs/sneezes, hand washing, and other good health practices such as rest, good nutrition, exercise, and seeing the doctor when ill. The Health Office is on alert to screen students for flu symptoms.

4. **What do I do if my child is sick?**

If your child is sick, please contact the school office as you would for an absence due to illness. Please inform the attendance clerk that your child has flu-like symptoms. Your information will assist us in monitoring any serious flu outbreaks in a specific classroom or campus.

For example: "My daughter is home with a sore throat, a deep cough and a fever of 102." Please take the time to expand your message beyond just saying, "My daughter has the flu." Our administration would sincerely appreciate your help in this area. Follow up with your doctor if you are having trouble getting the fever down, the child is blue or having difficulty breathing, seems very lethargic or you have concerns that she might be getting sicker.

5. **What if my child gets sick at school?**

If your child becomes sick at school, you will be contacted immediately. Please make sure that the school office has updated emergency contact information. Sick students or staff will be separated from healthy students until they can be sent home.

7. **Do I keep all my children home if only one child is sick?**

The child who is ill should remain home and the children who are healthy and showing no symptoms should be sent to school.

8. **What if a staff member has Novel H1N1 flu?**

According to Maricopa County Department of Public Health guidelines, if a staff member has a confirmed case of Novel H1N1 flu, the same procedures will be followed as if a student has a case of Novel H1N1 flu. The staff member should go home and should only return until she is fever-free for 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medication.

9. **My family all received flu shots. Isn't that some protection against Novel H1N1 flu?**

Even though the Maricopa County Department of Public Health is recommending that children and adults get the regular seasonal flu vaccine, the vaccination you receive will not be for Novel H1N1 (swine flu). However, it is an excellent idea to get a yearly flu vaccine as we will be seeing cases of both Novel H1N1 and seasonal flu this fall.

10. **When is it expected that the Novel H1N1 Flu vaccine will be available?**

The Novel H1N1 vaccine is now available contact your doctor to see if you are a candidate for early vaccination. The first vaccines will be given to those who are high risk and health care professionals.