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Principals of Funded and Non-Funded Schools:

Re: Infection Prevention Information

The second wave of the H1N1 flu virus is expected to begin this fall. This means it is still important for school staff and students to follow basic infection prevention practices such as good cough and sneeze etiquette and regular hand washing. Schools are encouraged to include infection prevention as part of the classroom experience by placing age appropriate posters about cough and sneeze etiquette and hand washing throughout the school.

In order to assist you with this process, materials targeting a wide range of age groups have been developed for schools as follows:

Elementary Schools

- *Hand washing poster*
- *What do you do when you go aachoo poster*
- *DVD on hand washing and cough etiquette*

Middle Schools

- *Hand washing poster*
- *Cover your cough and sneeze poster*

High Schools

- *Hand washing poster*
- *Cough etiquette poster*

Teachers are encouraged to put up the posters in each classroom and share the DVD. Additional materials can be ordered through the provincial government's Materials Distribution Agency at 204-945-3000.

For the latest information on H1N1 flu, please visit: www.manitoba.ca/flu.

Sincerely,

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