

Hand Sanitizer and Masks Shipped to Schools to Counter H1N1

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Subject: H1N1 Influenza School Supplies

To: School District Superintendents
Charter School Chief Executive Officers
Career and Technical Education Executive Officers
Intermediate Unit Executive Directors

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Deputy Secretary of Administration

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Director, Bureau of Community and Student Services

We are pleased to inform you that through the cooperative efforts of the Pennsylvania Department's of Health and Education all public and nonpublic schools will receive a small supply of hand sanitizers and tissues for each classroom. In addition, each school will receive an allotment of surgical masks for use in their sick rooms. These supplies are already on route to some schools and the vendor will continue to make shipments through the end of next week.

Each public/private school (K-12) in PA should receive two bottles of hand sanitizer and four boxes of tissues per classroom (based on an estimated number of students) and surgical masks for approximately 10% of the students and a mask information sheet.

We encourage you to provide each classroom teacher, nurse and school administrator with a copy of the 2009-2010 guidance for schools on the response to influenza. The guidance can be found on the Pennsylvania Department of Health's website at: www.h1n1inpa.com. Simply click on "Information for Schools" on the right hand side of the main web page. You can also download a copy of the document by clicking on the following link: [Pennsylvania Department of Health Guidance for School \(K-12\) Responses to Influenza during the 2009-2010 School Year](#)

We thank you for your continued efforts to help insure the health and safety of our children and to reduce the incidence and prevalence of the H1N1 Influenza A in the Commonwealth.

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