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To All Members of UM-Flint Early Childhood Development Center's Community,

As we anticipate an increase in flu cases with the onset of autumn, we are writing to clarify our policies regarding the temporary exclusion from the ECDC of children and adults who exhibit flu-like symptoms. This plan is implemented because the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the Michigan Department of Community Health believe these policies will best protect the health and well-being of all of us. The following CDC recommendations have been implemented at the ECDC.

- Everyone should be vaccinated against both the seasonal flu and H1N1 (Swine) Flu as soon as possible.
- All persons entering the building should utilize the hand sanitizer located at the front desk or at the sign in/out locations in Cascata and Sogno.
- Family members should help their child wash their hands upon entering the classroom.
- Whenever you or your child has a fever of 100.4 degrees or more AND a sore throat/cough you or your child should not come to school because it is possible that you have influenza. It is recommended that you stay home and keep away from workplaces, schools and other public places! If an ill parent is bringing a child to school, please call us and someone will come out to meet you at your car.
- Those with flu-like illness must stay home for the duration of the illness and until the fever has been gone for 24 hours without using fever reducing medications.
  - No fever means that you have not used fever-reducing medicines like acetaminophen or ibuprofen for the last 24 hours.
- We require that you CALL THE CENTER at 810-424-5214 when your child exhibits any of the above symptoms. We need to know that your child will not be in school, the reason for the absence, and the symptoms you observe. If there is no answer or the center is closed, please leave a message with the above information.

For more information, these may be helpful websites:

- How to recognize a person that may have the flu, and what to do. (See [www.pandemicflu.gov](http://www.pandemicflu.gov))
- How to care for ill family members. (See [www.hhs.gov/pandemicflu/plan/sup5.html#box4](http://www.hhs.gov/pandemicflu/plan/sup5.html#box4))
- How to develop a family plan for dealing with a flu pandemic. (See [www.pandemicflu.gov/planguide](http://www.pandemicflu.gov/planguide))
- More information is available at MDPH Flu Website: [www.mass.gov/dph/flu](http://www.mass.gov/dph/flu) <<http://www.mass.gov/dph/flu>>

These policies may cause hardship, but they are necessary. We appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation. Any questions regarding this policy and its implementation should be brought to my attention.

Thank You,

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