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## **Schools to Sustain Precautionary H1N1 Measures Next Week**

1. Feedback from schools shows that the precautionary measures for H1N1 that were implemented in the first week of Term 3 have been carried out smoothly. We would like to thank parents for their co-operation and understanding. While we cannot stop transmission of H1N1 completely, as it is a global pandemic, these measures have limited spread of disease and allowed most schools to continue functioning.

2. With community spread of H1N1 on the rise in Singapore, schools will continue to be vigilant and keep up precautionary measures to slow the spread of the H1N1 virus in schools. Regular temperature taking and checks to identify those with influenza-like illness will continue. Staff and students who are unwell will be asked to seek medical attention and to rest at home. Schools will also continue to remind its students about the importance of personal hygiene and social responsibility.

3. However with spread of H1N1 present in the local community, schools will no longer require students or staff with travel history to take Leave of Absence, as this measure is no longer effective with effect from Monday 6 July. Those currently serving Leave of Absence will be informed that they can return to school from next week. Students from institutions of higher learning will return to school on Monday 6 July while students from schools will return to school on Tuesday 7 July (as 6 July is Youth Day, a scheduled school holiday).

4. The well-being of our students remains our top priority. We continue to seek the cooperation of parents to exercise social responsibility by ensuring that their child does not go to school, but stays at home and sees the doctor if he/she is unwell. This will help safeguard the health of their child and all students and staff in the school community.

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