

UPPER GRAND ETFO'S H1N1 PANDEMIC RESPONSE INFORMATION

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Important Points:

- The World Health Organization has defined the spread of the H1N1 virus as a “pandemic.” The Federal, Provincial and local health authorities are in the process of pandemic preparedness planning and vaccines are currently being tested.
- Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) has a comprehensive Pandemic Response Plan for H1N1. It is posted on the Board’s website.
- UGDSB has a Questions and Answers document about H1N1 on First Class.
- Teachers will be kept up-to-date with the latest information about H1N1 and how the Board is handling the situation. Teachers need to keep themselves informed by checking the Board’s website and the Board’s First Class “News” Conference regularly as new information is posted.
- Health directives regarding H1N1 are taken from the Ministry of Health and the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health Unit (WDGPH). Our Board is in constant communication with Provincial and Federal health authorities. As a Board, we follow the direction of medical professionals through the health units.
- ETFO has developed a resource, “H1N1 Flu Virus, Frequently Asked Questions”, on their website. Please read it in addition to the Board’s information.
- Pregnant women and medically fragile employees are advised to consult, in a timely fashion, with their medical professional with regard to the possible implications of the H1N1 virus.

Information regarding H1N1 is available in various locations:

First Class	-	H1N1 Questions & Answers - Sept. 21/09 (2 nd release)
www.ugdsb.on.ca	-	Board’s Pandemic Response Plan for H1N1 2009
www.ugdsb.on.ca	-	Letter to Parents/Caregivers
www.etfo.ca	-	H1N1 Flu Virus FAQ
Public Health’s Website	-	www.wdghu.org - FAQ
World Health Organization	-	Flu Hotline: 1-800-265-7293 Ex. 4161 or www.who.int