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School Dismissal Associated With H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu)

(Santa Ana) – The Orange County Health Care Agency (HCA) has instructed officials of the Fountain Valley School District to dismiss students at Fred Moiola Elementary School, 9790 Finch Avenue, Fountain Valley, beginning Monday, May 4 after the identification of a probable H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) case associated with the school. It is anticipated that the school will be closed to students for seven (7) days.

The action was taken late Sunday night as the result of information received during the follow-up investigation of a probable H1N1 Flu case involving an 11-year-old male resident of Westminster. School officials were contacted and reported to HCA Public Health representatives that there had been an increase in absenteeism and illness during the week of April 27-May 1. As a result, the Orange County Health Care Agency has instructed the school to dismiss students beginning on Monday, May 4. The decision to reopen will be evaluated on an ongoing basis and will depend on whether additional illnesses are detected. All school-related activities and gatherings are also to be cancelled. While school is dismissed, students should avoid gathering outside of school.

“To limit the spread of this and other influenza viruses, it is very important that individuals who are sick stay at home until they are symptom-free,” said Dr. Eric Handler, County Health Officer. “The best measures to prevent the spread of influenza viruses are simple things like frequent handwashing with soap and water and covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your sleeve. People should also limit their contact with people who are sick and avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth, because germs spread in this way.”

For information about H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) in Orange County, visit the Health Care Agency website at www.ochealthinfo.com.

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