



Loving Arms Child Care Center
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Dear Families,

Since the cold and flu season is upon us, this letter will serve as an update on the H1N1 flu situation. There is no reason to panic. This letter is simply to help prepare you and keep you informed.

Loving Arms Child Care Center continues to work closely with the Sedgwick County Health Department to monitor the spread of the H1N1 virus. It is important to understand that because this virus is a new virus, the information may change. As a result, it is possible that we may see more flu activity and clusters of outbreaks.

Wichita Public Schools have had four confirmed cases. All of the students have recovered from the illness. The severity of the flu continues to be relatively mild. Doctors may only test for the H1N1 in cases where there is a clinical need. Should your child get sick with flu-like symptoms, please report the illness to our school and be prepared to stay at home with your child. Please keep your child home for at least 24 hours **after** your child is fever free without fever reducing medication **and** until all symptoms subside.

At Loving Arms, we are doing everything possible to ease any hazards from H1N1 or any other transmitted illnesses. We are continuing to clean our school with anti-microbial cleaning solutions and have directed our custodial staff to do extensive cleaning in rooms of children who are absent due to illness. Please continue to reinforce healthy habits with your children, (i.e. proper hand washing, coughing into your elbow, etc.), and we will do the same at school.

There are no plans to close our school at this time. Should this situation change, we will communicate with you immediately. I encourage you to be proactive and double check the backup plans now in case outbreaks should close a school or child care center in the future.

If you are interested in seeking more information, you can access the posts on our website homepage or under the "hot topics" tab.

Thank you in advance for your efforts,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Deb Rockhoff". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Deb Rockhoff
Director