

Pandemic Influenza

A Pandemic is a global disease outbreak. An influenza pandemic occurs when a new influenza virus emerges for which there is little or no immunity in the human population, begins to cause serious illness, and then spreads easily person-to-person worldwide.

Local Educational Agencies play an integral role in protecting the health and safety of district staff, students, and their families. To that end, the Saugus School Committee, in concert with the local Board of Health, the Saugus Emergency Management Agency (SEMA), and the State Department of Elementary & Secondary Education (DESE), is committed to working together to develop a readiness plan for schools.

School Guidance during an Influenza Pandemic includes school action steps, a pandemic planning checklist, public health instructions, factual information about pandemic flu, and processes for expeditious communication to the public during a pandemic. This guide is integrated into existing local district emergency plans and operational procedures.

In the event of a pandemic, any decision for an emergency school closing will be made by the school district with consultation, or at the direction of the local health department, SEMA, and State DESE.

The expectations and management processes will be communicated by the Superintendent to the entire school community as necessary.

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