

Surveillance and Reporting

During all stages of a pandemic flu outbreak, it will be essential to monitor and document the number of students and faculty who are absent and meet the definition of influenza-like illness. Keeping track of these numbers will help health officials determine when and whether to close schools, whether the epidemic is increasing in scope and whether to declare an epidemic, making schools eligible to apply for reimbursement of ADA funds during increased absenteeism.

Schools are provided with the following information to monitor the illness rate and potential epidemic:

- Basic surveillance instructions and definitions of surveillance levels
- Case definition to assist in determining whether the ill student and/or faculty is suffering from an influenza-like illness.
- Reporting form(s) to submit to the Siskiyou County Public Health Department by fax or email.
- Sample Attendance Log to list flu-related absences to document need to apply for an Average Daily Attendance Waiver.
- Siskiyou County Public Health Department will compile the reports on a regular basis for schools. Report will be emailed to the schools.