

## Public Health Alert- H1N1 Influenza Information

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As you may be aware, Boston Latin and two other local Massachusetts schools have closed for seven days after a number of students fell ill in what public health officials have described as suspected clusters of H1N1 or seasonal flu. We are actively monitoring the situation and on alert for any severe illness or clusters of illness. We have not seen a confirmed case of H1N1 flu at Northeastern and we are not seeing any cases that we would consider testing for H1N1 at this time.

What we know about this flu is that it is behaving very much like a seasonal flu and is mild. It is infecting children under 18 years old more frequently than any other group. So it is not surprising that some secondary schools are seeing a larger impact.

Public health officials and UHCS continue to recommend that everyone practice good hygiene, wash your hands frequently and if you are sick, stay home for a full seven (7) days.