

# **PANDEMIC FLU RESPONSE PLAN**

Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School  
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## **Overview**

Because a pandemic is a medical crisis and because public health officials coordinate the public response to such a crisis, initiation of action will be dependent upon advice received from any state and local health officials. The goal of the plan will be to provide continuity in the delivery of instruction at Abby Kelley Foster Charter Public School (AKFCPS).

## **Action Steps**

1. The Executive Director and Principals will coordinate activities to ensure faculty and staff are kept current regarding the provisions of this response plan.
2. The Director of Information Technology (IT) will ensure a current copy of the plan is posted on the AKFCPS website.
3. The Executive Director will work with local health officials and emergency preparedness officials and update this plan accordingly as those officials develop regional plans for a flu pandemic.
4. Staff development necessary to implement the AKFCPS plan will be managed by the Principals. This staff development will include:
  - a. nursing staff on topics identified by the appropriate public health officials;
  - b. nursing staff's completing and filing of health monitoring reports;
  - c. general staff development on prevention strategies and training on flu symptoms;
  - d. information to increase awareness that a person who is infected does not show symptoms right away; but children who are getting ill may show different behavior than usual, such as eating less or being irritable, etc.
  - e. personal hygiene techniques appropriate for minimizing the potential spread of the flu. Emphasis will be placed on simple non-medical ways to reduce the spread of flu by using "cough and sneeze etiquette," frequent hands washing, and clean desk and work areas throughout all buildings.

5. The Facilities Director will determine whether the cleaning protocols for Schools should be changed when advised by the Executive Director in the context of confirmed flu outbreaks.
6. The Executive Director will develop recommended guidelines in compliance with local/state guidelines to be used to encourage or require students and staff to stay home when they are mildly ill, in the context of confirmed flu outbreaks.
7. The Administration will develop alternative learning strategies by which the program of instruction can be delivered to students.