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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Please be advised of the following:

Recommendation for Attendance Excuses during Widespread Flu Activity

The flu virus is widespread throughout West Virginia and many physician offices, clinics, hospitals and emergency rooms are overfilled with patients. The medical community is seeing an influx of children and families showing up to merely ask for a medical excuse for school without needing treatment. The medical community has reached out to the WVDE to ask County Boards of Education (CBOE) and schools to allow a reprieve from actual medical excuses for the flu. **It is recommended that CBOE allow schools to document the parent excuse for flu as a medical excuse during "widespread" flu activity to keep children at home in order to help decrease the spread in WV.** While there may be cases of misuse, that will be minimal compared to the impact this flu season is having within our state and nation.

Therefore, if your child exhibits flu like symptoms please notify the school, preferably in writing with student's name and date of the absence(s). The school will give your child a medical excuse for the absence(s). This is a temporary allowance until flu activity is minimized. If you have any questions please call your child's principal or the school nurse.