

As you know this is the time of year when we see increased cases of colds, flu, strep throat and other illnesses in our homes and schools. This week we have had increased numbers of sick students in our schools. Most of our schools are averaging around 5-10% of students absent. However, Hayden Elementary is experiencing larger numbers of sick students and are currently at 25% of students out or being sent home due to illness. When a school reaches 20% of students absent due to illness, we are required to report the number to the State Health Department. At that time, we also consult with the County Health Department and make a decision on whether we need to close a school to prevent the spread of illness. After speaking with our local Health Department and some health care professionals, we will be closing Hayden Elementary for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and students will be having e-Learning Days. Again, we will be closing Hayden Elementary Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week and students will be having e-Learning Days in their place. We will continue to monitor the absences at our other schools, but again at this time no other school is near or at this 20% threshold.

While school is closed, our custodians will be disinfecting and cleaning Hayden extensively along with buses etc. We are also extensively cleaning our other schools as well. This is also a good time to remind your children to make sure they are washing their hands and to stay home if they are sick or have a fever to prevent the spread of illness. We appreciate your help as we make these plans and look forward to welcoming back our students at Hayden next week. Thank you!