

EMERGENCY HEALTH RESPONSE PROTOCOL

(Swine Flu (H1N1), Avian Flu (H5N1) and other Pandemic Viruses)

Members of the Nido de Aguilas international school community regularly travel throughout the world for business and family reasons. This reality adds importance to our need to respond quickly in the event of a pandemic (highly contagious virus).

The school consults with health experts, including local health officials, CDC (Center for Disease Control), WHO (World Health Organization) and the U.S. Department of State to define procedures in response to a pandemic event.

1. WHEN FLU OR OTHER PANDEMIC ILLNESS SYMPTOMS EXIST WITHIN YOUR FAMILY:

- Any family members who complain of flu symptoms (swine and bird flu symptoms are the same as seasonal flu virus) must stay away from school and should consult a doctor as soon as possible.
 - **Symptoms:** fever, lethargy, lack of appetite, coughing, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea
- If a member of the family has flu symptoms, please report them to the school nurse (Tel: 339-8140 or nurse@nido.cl)
- Regardless of whether a person has traveled to infected areas, as identified by the World Health Organization (WHO), if flu symptoms exist within the family, then all members of the family must refrain from coming to the school or to school activities.

2. WHEN IN DOUBT:

- If anyone in your family has flu symptoms, please contact the school nurse for guidance. Our goal is to maintain the school's learning program, while preventing the spread of any contagious disease. As a precaution, family members should stay at home rather than coming to school.
- Nurse's phone #339-8140, and e-mail address: nurse@nido.cl
- Chilean Ministry of Health "Salud Responde" Tel: 600-360-7777 (Spanish only)

3. TRAVEL:

- If a family member has traveled to and from a *specific* area in the world where an outbreak of a pandemic virus exists, then all members of the family must be especially vigilant for any signs of symptoms.
- If no symptoms exist within the family, then students may come to school. Parents must contact the school nurse to inform the school that a member of the family has been potentially exposed so that school personnel can also help with early detection of symptoms. The school reserves the right to restrict a student or family member from the campus, depending on their recent travel circumstances and the extent of the infection rate around the world.

4. FURTHER INFORMATION:

- Use the links below to review general information about the swine flu (H1N1), avian (bird) flu (H5N1) and other potential pandemic viruses:

Chilean Ministry of Health:

www.minsal.cl (Spanish)

Tel: 600 360 7777 (Spanish)

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Department of Health and Human Services):

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/pdf/keyfacts.pdf>

World Health Organization:

http://www.who.int/csr/resources/publications/influenza/WHO_CDS_CSR_GIP_2005_5/en/index.html

Health Protection Agency:

<http://www.hpa.org.uk/webw/HPAweb&Page&HPAwebContentAreaLanding/Page/1153386734379?p=1153386734379>

Risk Level Indicators(*):

Risk Level 1 (Low Risk):

- **No Santiago Metropolitan Area cases of swine, avian flu or other high risk viruses**
- Very few reported cases in Chile
- Some countries declare public health emergency
- Airports implement informal screening mechanisms

Risk Level 2 (Medium Risk):

- **Limited number of cases in Santiago Metropolitan Area (no Nido student cases)**
- Travel advisories recommended by WHO, CDC, government authorities
- No Nido students, families, faculty or staff identified with virus
- Average student attendance remains high, 90-100%
- Virus behavior / contagiousness remains unchanged
- WHO and regional health authorities declare pandemic

Risk Level 3 (High Risk):

- **One or more Nido students confirmed with virus cases**
- Increased spread of virus in Santiago Metropolitan Area
- Increasing evidence of potential restrictions on airline travel / other forms of international public transportation
- Virus or disease behavior / contagiousness changes to higher risk level

(*). Risk levels will be determined in consultation with school nurses, Chilean Ministry of Health Officials, advisories from the U.S. Embassy Health Clinic, Center for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO).

Risk Level Indicators/Impact on School Programs and Activities
NIDO Infectious Disease Rubric – Swine, Avian Flu or Other Pandemic Virus

| Risk Level | Campus Access Control | Educational Delivery | Co-curricular Program | Nido Community Events | Field Trips/Travel | School Transportation | School Operations | Nido Personnel | Emergency Care | Communication |
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| Level 1 Low Risk | - Students must be kept home if flu symptoms occur | - Regular school program - Hygiene and hand washing emphasized - Faculty training for online learning provided - Homework provided for any student at home | - All regularly scheduled activities allowed | - All regularly scheduled activities allowed | - Field trips allowed, subject to approval by principal | - All bus routes run as usual | - Increased cleaning of school - Continued manual disinfecting by cleaning personnel - Food service as normal | - Normal working conditions - All faculty and staff report to work (unless with symptoms) | - Normal emergency medical protocols (school's health clinic) | - Use of e-mail and website to faculty/staff and community in conjunction with information from Chilean authorities and WHO - Faculty meetings to ensure all understand protocol - Student communication to ensure students understand protocol and proper hygiene procedures |
| Level 2 Medium Risk | - Students must be kept at home if flu symptoms occur - Restricted access to campus by non-Nido students and parents, depending on circumstances | - Regular school program - Faculty training for online learning provided - Homework for any quarantined students provided - Confirm contingency plan for administering IB exams - Regular school program in parallel with implementation of online learning options - Instructions to parents via e-mail and website on use of online learning program | - All regularly scheduled activities allowed - All non-Nido visitors may be interviewed re travel and symptoms, depending on circumstances | - Regularly scheduled events and gatherings allowed for Nido students, parents, faculty/staff only, subject to cancelation depending on circumstances | - All field trips subject to cancelation depending on circumstances | - All bus routes run as usual | - Increased cleaning of school - Disinfecting throughout the day - Food service as normal | - Normal working conditions - All faculty and staff report to work (unless with symptoms) | - Normal emergency medical protocols | - School website updates as necessary in conjunction with the official agencies on status of the virus in Santiago Metropolitan Area - Student communication to ensure students understand protocol and proper hygiene procedures |
| Level 3 High Risk | - All or part of school facility closed for indeterminate period of time as deemed appropriate by school administration or required by Chilean Ministry of Health | - Full implementation of online learning for students and faculty affected by closing | - No programs for closed school divisions | - No programs for closed school divisions | - No programs for closed school divisions | - No programs for closed school divisions | - Full disinfecting procedures implemented before school resumes | - All faculty and staff by divisions affected to remain at home, providing online learning support either via e-mail, PowerSchool or websites, depending on length of school closure | - Normal emergency medical protocols | - Daily updates on Nido website to faculty/staff and community |