



## PROVIDER NOTICE

### Updated H1N1 (Swine Flu) Information Available from the New York City Department of Health

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Dear Provider:

As you are aware, New York City is experiencing an epidemic of influenza-like illness due to the H1N1 (swine flu) virus. Most patients have mild illness, which can be managed in your office or over the phone. Referral to emergency rooms should be reserved for the sickest patients.

Current New York City Department of Health guidance and recommendations can be accessed on the NYCDOHMH website:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/cd/cd-h1n1flu.shtml>

You can also keep up with local health news through the Health Alert Network, New York City's emergency notification system for physicians. You can sign up for the HAN at:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/hcp/hcp.shtml#han>

At this time, doctors should be aware that children who have missed school do not need a doctor's note to return to school. Parents calling your office asking for a note should be told neither the New York City Department of Health nor the Department of Education are requiring this.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Ackman", is written over a horizontal line.

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