



Surveillance and Reporting

During all stages of a pandemic flu outbreak, it will be essential to monitor and document the number of students and faculty who are absent and meet the definition of influenza-like illness. Keeping track of these numbers will help health officials determine whether the epidemic is increasing in scope and whether to declare an epidemic.

Schools are provided with the following information to monitor the illness rate and potential epidemic:

- Basic surveillance instructions and definitions of surveillance levels
- Case definition to assist in determining whether the ill student and/or faculty is suffering from an influenza-like illness
- Reporting form(s) to submit to Three Rivers District Health Department
- Sample Attendance Log to document flu-related absences