



# National Children's Choir & Youth Chorale Of Australia

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## **HEALTH ALERT - INFLUENZA H1N1 (HUMAN SWINE FLU)**

Dear Parents,

As you would be aware, the recent outbreak of Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) has caused concern in the community. The Department of Health is monitoring the situation and issuing relevant information via their website.

The NCCA has decided to follow the guidelines produced by the Department of Education, which request that, as a precaution, children returning from the US, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama be kept at home for seven (7) days prior to returning to child care, kindergarten or school. In addition, parents are advised to reinforce good general hygiene procedures with children, such as using and disposing of tissues, washing hands regularly and covering noses and mouths if coughing or sneezing.

Rehearsals for the NCCA will continue as normal. We know that you will keep your child at home if they are unwell, and we appreciate you doing this. If any family has direct contact with, or a confirmed case of, Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu), we ask that you call us immediately on 9574 9945.

The NCCA will keep all families notified of any change to this current policy. Please let us know if you have recently changed contact details, so that, should we need to inform you of a change, we can do so immediately.

If you have any enquiries, please don't hesitate to call the office on 9574 9945.

Thankyou,

Andrew Batterham  
Managing Director

### **For more information:**

Swine Influenza Hotline 180 2007

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