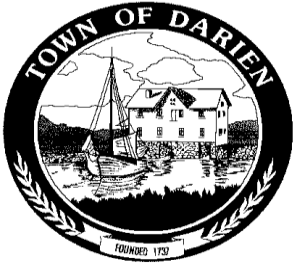


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Dear Parent/Guardian

Summer is a great time of year in Darien and we are happy that your child will be joining our Summer Program. For the past several months, there has been considerable discussion about the novel H1N1 influenza strain. We just wanted to remind you about some important information related to this issue. One of the most important things to do is to keep sick people away from healthy people. So if your child is sick, you must keep your child home. Staying home when sick stops the spread of the flu [and other illnesses] and helps the sick person get well.

To help keep everyone healthy, please answer these questions:

1. Does your child have a fever (100° F or more)?
2. Does your child have a sore throat, cough, body aches, vomiting, or diarrhea?

If you answered “yes” to both questions above, your child might have the flu. Keep them home from camp for 7 calendar days, or until symptoms are gone for 24 hours, whichever is longer.

If you checked “yes” to only one of the questions above, keep your child home from camp until symptoms are gone for 24 hours.

Please realize that if your child comes in with the symptoms described above, or if they develop these symptoms when they get here, they will be sent home for 7 calendar days, or until symptoms are gone for 24 hours, whichever is longer. Also, as a reminder, now would be a good time to consider what arrangements you would need to make to assure that your child is safe at home, when they are sick. They should not be sent to another child care setting where they would be interacting with other people who are well.

Thank you for helping us to keep our environment as healthy as possible for all. If we follow the guidance provided we will all have a good experience.