

## EDUCATION BULLETIN INFLUENZA A (H1N1) VIRUS

**TO:** School boards, CEGEPs, universities and private teaching institutions

**DATE:** August 28, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Management of preventive leave and reassignment of school personnel in the context of Influenza A (H1N1)

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Considering current knowledge regarding the risks for pregnant women in schools in the context of Influenza A (H1N1), the provincial director of public health at the MSSS has issued a notice on preventive leave and the reassignment of pregnant women working in schools as a protection against Influenza A (H1N1). The notice has been sent to public health departments and is appended to this bulletin.

The usual procedure, in accordance with the provisions of the *Act respecting Occupational health and safety*, continues to apply. Thus, a specific CSST form must be filled out by the attending physician or the physician in charge of health services at the institution employing the staff member who wishes to apply to the "Safe Working Conditions for a Safe Maternity Experience" program.

The schools thus do not have to automatically put all their pregnant employees on preventive leave. Rather, they should suggest that these employees consult their doctors, in accordance with the current procedure for pregnant workers who wish to benefit from the "Safe Working Conditions for a Safe Maternity Experience" program.

For all questions related to Influenza A (H1N1), please contact your MELS regional office.