



St. Joseph School

11886 Acacia Avenue
Hawthorne, CA 90250

**STATEMENT ON HEALTH PRECAUTIONS BEING TAKEN AT
SAINT JOSEPH SCHOOL**

Dear Parents,

This past weekend, a student at Our Lady of the Assumption School in Claremont fell ill with flu-like symptoms four days after returning from a visit to Mexico with her mother. The mother is also reportedly suffering from flu-like symptoms. The student and mother have been tested for the swine flu virus, but the results of the testing are not yet available.

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health advised the Archdiocese to keep the school open, and to observe precautionary measures (hand washing, covering mouths when coughing or sneezing, etc.) to avoid potential contamination.

In the light of these developments, we thought it was important for you to know that we are aware of the potential flu and that we will do all we can at school to keep surfaces clean in all rooms including the restrooms and the play areas and to insure the safety and well being of each child. If your child becomes ill at school, you will be called immediately.

In addition to these measures, we are advising all of you to monitor your children's health and to report any illnesses to the school immediately. We will report illnesses to the Health Department if necessary. Please keep your children home if they are ill, if they have cold symptoms, or if they have flu symptoms.

Please be sure your children know to wash their hands with soap carefully and often and to cover their mouths when coughing and sneezing.

The Archdiocese and all of us at school will continue to monitor developments and report further information when it is available.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Christine R. A.", written in black ink.

Principal