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24 MAY UPDATE # 2 PRECAUTIONS TO BE TAKEN IN RELATION TO THE POSSIBILITY OF HUMAN SWINE INFLUENZA (H1N1)

Dear parent/carer

This is my third letter to you to keep you informed about the 'swine flu' situation.

Over the weekend the National Pandemic Emergency Committee advised a further measure to help contain the possible spread of the virus within Australia.

South Australian schools, preschools and childcare centres are now asked to request that children returning or arriving from overseas locations where H1N1 is widespread stay at home for seven days. This applies whether or not the child has any illness or symptoms. The same request will be made in other states and territories.

The list of countries of concern can be found on the Department of Health and Aging website from 24 May 2009 – www.healthemergency.gov.au. As of today, the list of countries includes Mexico, USA, Canada, Japan and Panama. This list is being reviewed regularly.

Decisions about the need for any further closure of education sites will be made on the advice of the South Australian health authorities, and you will be advised of this as soon as possible should it occur.

If parents need particular advice they should contact their local child care director, preschool director or principal or call the National Swine Influenza hotline on 1802007.

I appreciate the assistance of parents and carers in understanding the need to take these steps.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Robinson'.

Chris Robinson
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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