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**HEALTH COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES RYE COUNTRY DAY SCHOOL DISMISSAL  
WILL BE REASSESSED LATER THIS WEEK**

**School likely will re-open earlier than the two weeks announced yesterday**

Westchester County Health Commissioner Dr. Joshua Lipsman announced today that he plans to reassess later this week the length of the dismissal of Rye Country Day School students because of the probable cases of swine flu. His reassessment will be made in consultation with the New York State Department of Health and school officials, and with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). CDC guidance is rapidly changing, with modifications daily, if not more frequently.

As of now, it may be possible for the Rye Country Day School to re-open as early as next Monday, depending on the evolution of the swine flu outbreak and expert opinion. "I know this is very, very hard for the Rye Country Day School community," said Dr. Lipsman, "I am eager to re-open the school as soon as it is safely possible and want to be the first person to give the go ahead to do so, in a manner that protects all involved."

The county health department also announced today that two previous probable cases of swine flu in children in Rye have been confirmed as cases by the CDC. "This was not unexpected," Lipsman said, "as 99% of probable cases have been confirmed by the CDC. These results do not change our earlier recommendations for personal hygiene and staying home if ill."

Westchester County also announced today that its own public health laboratory has received necessary supplies from the CDC to be able to confirm tests of swine flu. "This will allow us to have a much faster turnaround time for testing," Lipsman said.

For more information, visit the Health Department website at [www.westchestergov.com/health](http://www.westchestergov.com/health) or call the Health Department at (914) 813-5000.

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