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**RYE COUNTRY DAY CAN REOPEN BASED ON 2 PM CDC GUIDELINES
NEW PROBABLE CASE OF SWINE FLU IN A TUCKAHOE MAN**

Westchester County Health Commissioner Dr. Joshua Lipsman advised Rye Country Day School administrators this afternoon that classes and all extracurricular activities can resume immediately, based on the latest advice from state and federal authorities.

“As of 2 p.m. today, state and federal health authorities advised local health departments that because cases of swine flu in the U.S. have been comparable to seasonal flu, there is no need to close schools,” Dr. Lipsman said. “I know the changing advice has caused confusion and posed a disruption and hardship to families and I sincerely regret that. My earlier recommendation and this announcement have been based on the latest information available to us from state and federal health authorities.

“Anyone who visits, plays sports at or otherwise is in close contact with Rye Country Day School students can continue their usual routine without hesitation,” Lipsman said. “The best way to prevent getting flu-like symptoms, whether H1N1 or regular seasonal flu, is to cover your mouth when you cough, wash your hands thoroughly and often, avoid being near anyone who has such symptoms and stay home if you have a fever over 100 degrees along with a cough, runny nose or congestion until you are clear of such symptoms.”

Westchester County also has been notified of another probable case of swine (H1N1) flu. This is the first probable case of swine flu in an adult. The person is a 25-year-old Tuckahoe man who has been recovering at home since April 27 and is doing well. He is otherwise healthy. He was in Cancun, Mexico from April 17 to 24 and developed mild flu-like symptoms on April 27, and was not hospitalized. He was tested prior to current guidelines limiting testing to hospitalized individuals or clusters of illnesses with risk factor for swine flu.

This brings the Westchester total to three probable cases and two confirmed cases. The two other probable cases involve two students at the Rye Country Day School and the two confirmed cases involve two children from Rye public schools. The Health Department will not release further information about these individuals to protect their privacy.

The county is awaiting confirmation of all three probable cases from the CDC. When the Westchester County Department of Laboratories and Research has had five probable swine flu cases confirmed by the CDC the laboratory will then be certified to confirm H1N1 cases itself.

For more information, visit the Health Department website at www.westchestergov.com/health or call the Health Department at (914) 813-5000. The CDC's latest guidance for schools can be viewed at http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/K12_dismissal.htm.

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