



# News Release

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## **Board Reviewed Pandemic Plan**

At the August 25, 2009 Regular Board Meeting, Trustees of the Lambton Kent District School Board reviewed the Board's Administrative Procedure on *Pandemic Influenza Protocol*. In June 2009 the World Health Organization raised the Pandemic Level to Phase 6 for the H1N1 Influenza which means that a global pandemic is underway. The increase to a phase 6 reflects broader spread of the virus internationally; it does not mean that the virus has become more dangerous.

The Board continues to monitor the development and follow the advice and guidance of provincial and local public health officials who have the expertise to assess the level of health risk posed by a specific situation. Board staff meet regularly with staff from the Sarnia-Lambton and Chatham-Kent Health Units and the Medical Officers of Health. The Board's Pandemic Response Planning Committee will continue to meet to ensure that the steps being taken meet the current situation.

The Board developed a comprehensive communications plan to ensure that all of its audiences are kept informed. It includes a Pandemic Preparedness Fact Sheet and a Communication Plan. A letter was sent home to parents/guardians last June with information provided by the Health Units and further information will be shared in September.

Information is posted on the Board's website, [www.lkdsb.net](http://www.lkdsb.net) and links to the various health units are included.

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