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H1N1 flu confirmed for Jeffco Public Schools student

A student at Excel Academy in Arvada has tested positive for the H1N1 influenza (Swine Flu) according to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. The student is expected to fully recover from the virus. Following the best advice of state and county health officials, Jeffco Superintendent Cindy Stevenson has decided to close Excel Academy to students and staff the week of May 5 as a precaution. According to the Centers for Disease Control, closing a school will decrease the number of people who could get sick from the virus.

Excel Academy is a Jeffco Public Schools K-8 charter school with 450 students. The school's director notified families today that the school will be closed for the week. However, students will be able to continue school work online during the closure.