

Swine Flu Policy for groups visiting Hindleap or Woodrow

Background

The purpose of this policy is to inform visitors of the approach of London Youth's Centres to the swine flu situation and to give them assurance that the right plans and procedures are in place at both Centres (Hindleap and Woodrow).

Swine flu is a respiratory illness caused by the type A flu (H1N1) virus. The latest outbreaks in countries around the world have been caused by a new version (strain) of the virus.

Transmission of this new virus is thought to occur in the same way as seasonal flu. The infection can be effectively treated with antiviral medication. Most reported cases in the UK have been mild and people have recovered fully after treatment.

Information for visitors- pre visit

If anyone possesses any of the following symptoms before a trip they should seek medical advice (by phone) as to whether they should go:

Have a fever, or a temperature of 38.0° or more

PLUS two of the following.

Cough, runny nose, sore throat, sneezing, headache, limb/joint pain

OR

Contact within seven days of a probable or confirmed case of swine flu.

Staff at the Centres (Woodrow and Hindleap) have been advised not to come to work if they have the above symptoms

Procedure if an outbreak occurs during the residential

If a person is suspected of having Swine Flu they must be moved into an isolated location. This will mean, for the Centres, a bedroom separate from others.

The person's parents / emergency contact should be informed of the situation and what is happening at this time. Staff from the visiting group will do this.

The local doctor's surgery or NHS Direct should be called by visiting staff.

If Swine flu is considered to be a possibility by either a doctor or the NHS then the local Health Protection Agency should be contacted (Centre staff will do this). HPA advice will be followed throughout.

Care for the ill person will be by the visiting groups own staff, Centre staff will support wherever possible.

If the HPA confirms a case of swine flu the following will occur and all advice from the HPA will be complied with:

- The ill person/people will have to go home at the earliest opportunity (as long as they are able to travel). Visiting staff will be required to put in place all necessary arrangements.
- Bed rooms/toilet areas used will have a deep clean and sanitiser handwash will be made available to help prevent further infection from the virus. All students and staff will be monitored over the next week to see if anyone else has been infected.

- when the remaining residents go home at the end of their stay they will be given (the group leaders will be given) a letter for parents explaining the situation and saying that if they develop any flu like illness within seven days of visiting the Centre they should be isolated and contact their local GP.
- Centre staff becoming ill when at work will be immediately sent home and advised to seek advice from the medical professionals and not return to work until well enough to do so

The Centres will stay open and run as normal unless advised differently by the Health Protection Agency.

If the Centre is having staffing difficulties as a result of swine flu it may not be able to deliver the group programme as originally planned. Through discussion with the visiting group leader an adjusted programme will be put in place.

Visiting groups are reminded that they should have in place cancellation insurance should they have to cancel the visit, as stated on the booking contract.

For further info if required please ring:

Hindleap 01342 822625

Woodrow 01494 433531