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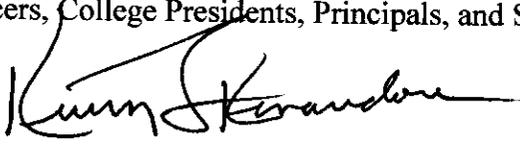
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IN REPLY REFER TO:

May 20, 2009

Memorandum

To: Education Line Officers, College Presidents, Principals, and Superintendents

From: Kevin Skenandore
Acting Director 

Subject: Revised Guidance on Out-of-state Travel and the H1N1 flu

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updates their website on a daily basis. On May 11, 2009, they issued an update advising what was called Swine Flu A (H1N1) is now called Novel A (H1N1) and is considered to be a strain of flu that is similar to the regular flu encountered.

The Bureau of Indian Education's (BIE) memorandum date April 30, 2009, **recommended** to all Bureau-funded schools, dormitories, and colleges, to postpone all student related out-of-state travel, until further notice, is rescinded.

The BIE still insists that students and faculty who are sick stay home to minimize the spread of the influenza. Out-of-state travelers should keep their distance from people who appear to be sick or are coughing. Everyone should still remember to wash their hands as often as possible. If soap and water are unavailable, then hand wipes or hand cleaner should be used. It is strongly recommended that tribal grant and contract schools adopt this suggestion.

Education Line Officers should contact each school to ensure that each school receives this recommendation. It's important that everyone fully understands and complies with this recommendation. We encourage you to share the information with tribal grant and contract schools so they are aware of the recommended approach to keeping our children safe from this health risk.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Eric North, School Safety Specialist, at (505)-554-8073, or refer to the Bureau of Indian Education website at: enan.bia.edu.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.