



## MEDIA UPDATE

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### **STUDENTS TEST NEGATIVE FOR INFLUENZA A**

VICTORIA – The Vancouver Island Health Authority's Chief Medical Health Officer, Dr. Richard Stanwick, confirms that test results on students from Hans Helgesen Elementary School are negative for Influenza A. The BC Center for Disease Control will be performing additional tests on the specimens for other viruses that circulate in the community and cause respiratory symptoms. These results will not be available until some time next week.

The school will reopen on Monday, May 11.

The Medical Health Officer continues to recommend that parents monitor their children for signs of illness and keep them home if they are sick.

If you have any questions about symptoms or illness call **HealthLink BC at 8-1-1** twenty-four hours a day/seven days a week to speak to a nurse.

Please see the Vancouver Island Health Authority web site for further information at:  
[www.viha.ca](http://www.viha.ca)

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