

Messages from Guilford Public Schools Related to Storm Irene

Advice from the Guilford Health Department September 5, 2011

The health and safety of your children as they return to Guilford Public Schools is a priority of the Board of Education. There have been no reported increase in illnesses related to the recent power outages in Guilford. Even though your home may be without power or water, this should not present an increased risk for your child becoming ill or initiating the development of epidemic in schools. As noted previously in this newsletter, safe water is available to residents at several locations throughout Guilford and hot showers are available at the community center.

Spoiled or questionable household food must be tossed out and replaced with fresh or canned foods. Most grocery stores and some restaurants have ice for sale to keep foods safe until power returns. All schools will have safe food and water for students returning to schools. Personal hygiene can be maintained even when washing with room temperature water and soap. Anti-viral soaps are also very effective for disinfecting hands and will be available at all schools for student use.

As stated in the standard school policy, if your child is sick they should not attend school.

Physicals & Immunizations - Seven-Day Grace Period

For those families with compliance issues due to the storm, there will be a seven-day grace period from the first day of school to provide mandated physical and immunization documentation (blue health form) to the Health Office. Any student who does not have this documentation to the Health Office by the end of this period, will not be allowed to return to school. Athletics: All fall athletes must have a current physical on file prior to participating in tryouts, practices or games.