

## HURON COUNTY SCHOOL ABSENTEE SURVEILLANCE

School Absentee Surveillance is a way to track illness in schools and the community for individuals that may not see a doctor. Absentee surveillance benefits schools because it can be used to identify suspicious health events in your school or school districts.

### Online School Absentee Surveillance System:

- Schools enter directly into the website Survey Monkey, which takes less than 5 minutes a day.
- Information is entered daily.
- Symptoms are tracked which are better for identifying illness trends.
- Data can be checked daily with minimal effort.

### What information do we collect?

- Information on symptoms (cough, fever, rash, etc.) and the number students called in sick.
- Information collected is aggregated.
- We **DO NOT** collect names, ages, genders, or any other identifiable information.

### How do we collect the information?

- School staff will spend less than 5 minutes daily entering data into an online Survey. Using the link [www.huroncohealth.com/school-absentee-surveillance](http://www.huroncohealth.com/school-absentee-surveillance) Click on the *School Data Entry* button. You should be directed to a SurveyMonkey survey.
- Staff could use laminated reporting sheets and a whiteboard marker to tally absent children's symptoms.
- Parents could be asked to VOLUNTEER their child's symptoms. Parents are not required to participate.

The online survey typically only takes 5 minutes of staff time for data entry and time for training if needed.

If you need assistance with absentee reporting contact HCPH's Epidemiologist at 419-668-1652 ext. 269.