

School Absenteeism Reporting

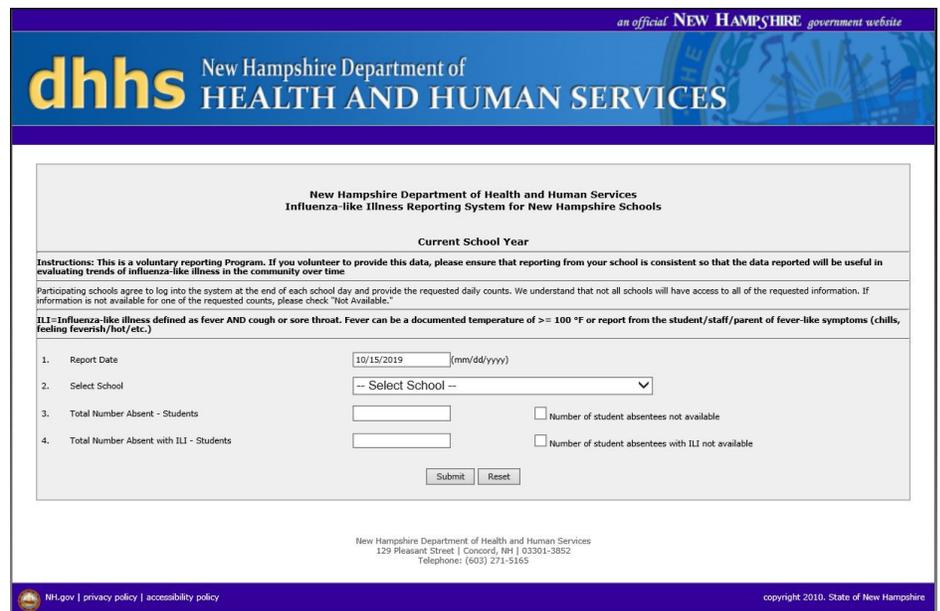
The time it takes to report is very small. The impact is quite large!

All schools are strongly encouraged to report student absenteeism to assist with public health tracking and monitoring of infectious diseases. The NH Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) uses this school-reported data to track absenteeism and absences due to influenza-like illness (ILI). This helps DHHS monitor and evaluate potential outbreaks or clusters of disease in local communities.

There is no enrollment and participation takes **less than one minute** to complete via an [online reporting tool](https://business.nh.gov/Influenza/InfluenzaReporting.aspx) (<https://business.nh.gov/Influenza/InfluenzaReporting.aspx>). Established in 2009, this simple and easy-to-use tool provides DHHS with a student absenteeism count and the number of students absent due to influenza-like illnesses. You can even track your school's data to assist in determining your baseline.

For schools collecting absenteeism information and not absenteeism due to ILI, this information is still valuable. Schools can simply enter the number "0" or check the box indicating when data are not available.

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Influenza-like Illness Reporting System for New Hampshire Schools

Current School Year

Instructions: This is a voluntary reporting Program. If you volunteer to provide this data, please ensure that reporting from your school is consistent so that the data reported will be useful in evaluating trends of influenza-like illness in the community over time.

Participating schools agree to log into the system at the end of each school day and provide the requested daily counts. We understand that not all schools will have access to all of the requested information. If information is not available for one of the requested counts, please check "Not Available."

ILI=Influenza-like illness defined as fever AND cough or sore throat. Fever can be a documented temperature of $\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$ or report from the student/staff/parent of fever-like symptoms (chills, feeling feverish/hot/etc.)

1. Report Date (mm/dd/yyyy)

2. Select School

3. Total Number Absent - Students Number of student absentees not available

4. Total Number Absent with ILI - Students Number of student absentees with ILI not available

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To help you in your efforts to keep students and staff healthy, visit the [DHHS website](https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/influenza/schoolsurveillance.htm) (<https://www.dhhs.nh.gov/dphs/cdcs/influenza/schoolsurveillance.htm>) for:

- a [school nurse toolkit](#) that includes:
 - **Posters:** 'Cover Your Cough', 'Hand Washing for Kids'
 - **Fact Sheets and Handouts:** The Flu: A Guide for Parents, 'H1N1', 'Influenza'
 - **Health Information:** parent letter, school guidance, guides, and more
- absenteeism information to track ILI, mapped by county and posted weekly



We rely on all schools to report this important information.

Thank you for serving in a key role in helping the people of New Hampshire have optimal health!

Questions? We are here to help. Contact Kenneth Dufault at the DHHS Division of Public Health Services, Bureau of Infectious Disease Control, at 603-271-5165 or kenneth.dufault@dhhs.nh.gov.