



CLERMONT COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

HealthWatch



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What is HealthWatch?

HealthWatch is a web-based school absenteeism surveillance system offered by the Clermont County General Health District. HealthWatch was created to provide schools in Clermont County with a quick and simple mechanism for communicating the health status of their school to the Health District.

Why should my school participate in the HealthWatch project?

HealthWatch is an opportunity for schools to share a “snapshot” of the health status of their school. With ongoing concerns about student health and the potential impact illnesses may have on the school-based population, tracking the health and wellness of students within the schools is more important than ever. By participating in HealthWatch, schools can easily report the level of absenteeism and the presence of illness within the school population. This information sharing will then enable the Health District to identify emerging illnesses and work with schools to provide health education, implement prevention measures and collaborate on additional steps to improve and protect the health of students. Recent improvements made to HealthWatch will allow school users to generate reports and access charts and graphs based on absenteeism and illness data they have entered into the system.

What information must my school submit?

The HealthWatch project is focused on school absenteeism and illness data, therefore participating schools are asked to respond to questions related to the number of absences and the presence of illness among students *each day* that school is in session. Since the presence of influenza-like illness (ILI) is of particular interest this season, several of the questions focus on this issue. A free text box is available on the form to allow school reporters to include any additional information that may be pertinent. All information is reported at an aggregate level and cannot be used to identify students.

How does HealthWatch work?

HealthWatch is a password protected, web-based system that is accessed through the HealthWatch website. Schools choosing to participate will be provided with the web address and a user name and password to access the system. Each school should identify a designated reporter (preferably a school nurse, although this could be a health aide, or office staff person) who will be responsible to entry of data into the system. Each school may have multiple reporters. To enter data, the school reporter will log in to the system, select their school name from a dropdown list, complete the School Illness Form and hit “Submit”. Completion of the reporting form is quick and easy. After the form has been submitted, the school reporter can choose to log out, or view any of the pages within the HealthWatch System. In addition to the School Illness Form, school reporters will have access to the Charts and Analysis Section where they can view their data in chart and graph form, and the Resources Section which will contain updates, guidance and other resources pertinent to the school population. School reporters can also utilize the Ask a Question page to contact the Health District with non-urgent questions or requests for information.

How can my school participate?

Schools that wish to participate should complete the registration form and fax it to Jackie Lindner at the Clermont County General Health District at 513-735-8420, or contact her via phone at 513-735-8405. Training on use of the HealthWatch system will be provided by the Health District at your school location.

HealthWatch School Absenteeism Surveillance System

2010 – 2011 Registration Form

School District _____ Date _____

Please complete the information below to register to participate in the HealthWatch Pilot Project. Enrollment data for current school year is required. Each participating school must designate a primary and backup person who will be responsible for daily data entry into the system.

Name of school	Student enrollment 2010 – 2011
School Address	School Phone
Person with primary reporting responsibility	Title
Email	Phone
Person with backup reporting responsibility	Title
Email	Phone
Person with backup reporting responsibility	Title
Email	Phone

OPTIONAL I agree to have my school's data included in the interactive mapping feature

School Superintendent/Principal (signature) _____

School Superintendent/Principal (printed name) _____

Title _____ Date _____