

Talkback: Sept. 22

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What makes you want to stay in school? Write and tell us.

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Last week we asked:

How has the H1N1 virus threat made you change your habits?

I didn't change my habits at all. The only thing I do is wash my hands better. I pay more attention to information on H1N1.

- *Joëlle Longpré, Secondary 2, École Secondaire Jean-Baptiste-Meilleur*

It changed my habits because now I wash my hands more often. I go away when people sneeze or cough.

- *Gabriel Garceau, Secondary 2, École Secondaire Jean-Baptiste-Meilleur*

The peril of the H1N1 virus made me change my habits tremendously. I started washing my hands more often, especially before eating. I also began to use alcohol-based hand sanitizer to clean my hands after touching books, papers, etc. Moreover, if ever I cough or sneeze into a tissue, I make sure to deposit it in a trash can immediately, instead of placing it on any surface that others might touch.

- *Jessica Palmieri, Secondary 5, John F. Kennedy High School*

The threat of the H1N1 virus has made me more aware of how important the simple task of hand washing is and its effectiveness. In school, we used to only wash our hands after going to the washroom and before eating. Now, we must remember to wash our hands when we enter the school, between classes, after going to the washroom, before and after lunch, and lastly when exiting the school. We must also not forget that the threat of the H1N1 virus is not only in schools but it is everywhere.

- *Isabella Trivisonno, Grade 10, John F. Kennedy High School*

They talk a lot about H1N1 and how important it is to wash your hands often and to have hand sanitizer, but I'm still not going to wash my hands every five minutes. I will wash my hands more often and I do have a hand sanitizer. If people would listen to everything the media says to do, we would be washing our hands and sanitizing our hands all day long.

-Jessica Fredette, Secondary 2 Chambly Academy

I haven't thought a lot about the H1N1 virus but I have heard many people talk about it. It is very important to know about it so we can be cautious. Even before the H1N1 virus, I have always kept hand sanitizer in my bag.

-Taylor Bernstein, Grade 8, Chambly Academy

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