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HUGO — With one Carter County man dead from swine flu and cases appearing more frequently around the state, Hugo Schools are taking precautions to nullify the spread of flu virus.
A letter sent out to all campuses asks parents to keep children with any flu-like symptoms, including fever and cough, at home.
“A lot of parents don’t want them to take off. If it’s just a few symptoms they send them to school, but we really ask them to not send them to school if they have any of the signs,” Superintendent Tony Daugherty said.
The letter asks parents to not send children back to school until they have been without fever for at least 24 hours, and children who are sick in school will be sent home. Daugherty said three siblings, who came down with flu symptoms, have been absent.
“They’ve not been back to school,” he said. “One of them missed 10 days of school because she can’t come back until they’re really over this.”
On Friday, 26 students were absent at the intermediate school. Daugherty said they would be working closely with students, who miss class, to help them make up the work.
Officials with both the Choctaw County Health Department and the Oklahoma State Department of Health reported that no cases of swine flu have been confirmed in Choctaw County.

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