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**NMAA To Suspend All Athletic and Activity  
Extracurricular Programs Due to H1N1 Virus**

**ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.** – The New Mexico Department of Health and the New Mexico Public Education Department announced today that Carlsbad High School, Deming Intermediate School, all public schools in the Socorro Consolidated School District including Cottonwood Valley Charter School in Socorro and all public schools in the Lordsburg Municipal School District will close May 4 through May 10 due to probable cases of H1N1 influenza.

Based on the fact that the Public Education Department and the State Department of Health have made these closures, the New Mexico Activities Association Board of Directors has suspended all athletic and activity programs for all NMAA member schools, until further notice.

This decision includes all extracurricular activities (after school practices, games, activities, etc.)

The NMAA staff will remain in constant communication with the Public Education Department and New Mexico State Department of Health to provide all necessary updates as the situation continues to develop.

The NMAA is committed to the safety and health of all students, and will respond appropriately regarding the scheduling of the upcoming Spring State Championship events.

Additional resources for information related to the swine influenza:

Center For Disease Control and Prevention

[http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/swineflu\\_you.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/swineflu_you.htm)

New Mexico Department of Health

<http://nmhealth.org/index.html>

New Mexico Public Department of Education

<http://www.ped.state.nm.us/>

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