

Scary Flu 2.0 hits

1.0 being the avian flu a few years ago which barely got out of the starting gate as far as pandemic status is concerned. Yes, I know there have been really nasty flu epidemics/pandemics in the past, but I am specifically referring to modern variations in my numbering. Anyway, tonight I got a call on both phones one after another (I must have given them my cell number at some point) from near-city district's emergency response system which informs employees and parents of emergency situations. This one was bound to turn up since my area has a heavy Hispanic population. This time, it turned up in one of the middle schools. I was not set to work in that school tomorrow, and haven't been in the last couple of weeks, so I am good (so breathe a sigh of relief, fellow blogger & family who I visited with the other night). However, they canceled school for tomorrow just at the one school. I wonder how that works for required school attendance days- will just the one school have an extra day tacked on in June? Anyway, I work tomorrow in one of its elementary feeder schools, so I do hope there are no siblings of that middle school student in class- especially it being bilingual 3rd grade which of course means all Spanish-speaking kids in this district. Well, I'll let you know how it goes I guess.

UPDATE: It appears that the school is off until at least Friday, so again I wonder, will they have those extra days tacked on while the rest of the district enjoys summer break? Hmm. Today, one girl in my class went home sick after lunch, but it is unknown at this time if her illness is related to H1N1 swine flu.