



Swine Flu procedure July 2009

For the safety of our sitters and families alike we have implemented the following procedure in the eventuality of a swine flu pandemic.

The NHS is recommending that:

“All suspected cases who have swine flu symptoms will have been asked to self-isolate at home and restrict their contact with people. The vast majority of people should go about their normal activities, including going to school or work. This includes children who attend a school with a confirmed case of swine flu.

There is no need on risk grounds to avoid contact with people who might simply have come into contact with those having the illness, such as the parents of children at schools with a confirmed case but who are not themselves ill”.

However I would ask all families and sitters if you have symptoms or are diagnosed with swine flu please let ELF sitters know immediately if you are due to attend a booking or are expecting a babysitter. I will make every effort to re-cover any bookings, but please bear in mind for busy nights, such as Saturday's I regret that it may not always be possible to do so at short notice. I would ask people to bear with me and understand that I would only completely cancel a booking if there is no alternative as I have no wish to put anyone at risk.

Please also contact me urgently if you have had a sitter or have been to a babysitting booking 7 days prior to diagnosis please let me know so I can advise the parties you have been in contact with.

I would also ask that if you have been in contact with someone that has been diagnosed within 7 days, even if you are not showing symptoms please let me know so I can check with your sitter/family if they are happy to continue with the booking.

While this all seems a little dramatic I think it is going to be better to err on the side of caution. Particularly as many of you have contact with children under the age of 5 and pregnant ladies who are most at risk if contracted.

I thank you all in advance for your assistance with this matter.

Kind regards

Emma Fursman

Owner

ELF sitters