

Hello again,

Attached you will find the press release Josh Woods sent out earlier today on our first two cases. I am grateful the first two were students that live off campus, however we will have them in the residence halls soon. We have been planning for both scenarios and are putting those wheels in motion. I appreciate the support we have received from facilities, residence life, and housing to activate these mechanisms.

Our guidance comes from the plans we have been working on with the Health Dept. for a long time, and the CDC Higher Ed guidance (<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/institutions/guidance/>) we shared with you on our homepage link and previous emails. We will continue to place updates on that site.

I know many of you have been asking about hand sanitizer availability. The facilities/custodial staff have been working to distribute these as available. In addition, the staff increased their cleaning and wiping down of surfaces back in the Spring, when the H1N1 first came on the scene. There will be more guidance to follow on the ordering of these cleaning supplies for your areas.

While we knew the H1N1 would visit our campus sooner than later, it is still anxiety producing when it happens. Please know that we will support all of you and our students to the best of our ability. In the meantime, you can help us by taking care of yourselves, staying home when you are sick, especially if you have a fever, washing your hands, covering coughs and reminding others to do the same. If students come to your classroom sick remind them to seek care with us. It will take all of us being vigilant about these practices to minimize the impact on campus. And we will still have a number of cases!

On a brighter note, I have the regular seasonal influenza vaccine arriving this week and we will begin making plans to share them with you :)! Watch for more information and postings. We are still hopeful the H1N1 vaccine will arrive by mid- to late October and will make that available as well.

Thank you again for your support and compliance!

Sincerely,
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