

CAMPUS INFLUENZA PREPARATIONS 2009

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- Preparation for the 2009 flu season began in January with the order for this years seasonal flu vaccine
- Vaccine order for **seasonal** flu vaccine increased by approximately 25% in anticipation of increased demand this fall
- First identified case of H1N1 acquired in the state identified in student on campus May 2009 by Campus Health Services
- Two students were isolated in accordance with CDC recommendations on one campus and the other off campus.
- Pandemic Preparedness Committee developed activated over summer to begin planning for fall flu season

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- Beginning around mid-August Campus Health Services began seeing influenza-like illnesses (ILI) and began tracking these numbers
- Pandemic preparedness committee begins meeting weekly or more often in smaller subcommittees as needed
- Pandemic flu site for University becomes operational Sept 3 as main means of communication
- www.louisville.edu/update/flu/ operational Sept 3 as main source of flu information

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Prevention Efforts

- Seasonal Flu shot program
 - Begins September 21
 - Register through main flu site
 - Registration process as in years past
 - More aggressive out reach program bringing flu shot clinics to SAC, MITC, Dental School, Dorms
 - UofL faculty, staff, students able to utilize University Hospital Drive Through
- Registered as H1N1 Vaccination Site

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Prevention Efforts

- Stay Well or Stay Home Campaign
 - Directs the campus community to web site for information
 - Encourages health prevention measures
 - Encourages self-isolation
 - Over 3000 posters printed and distributed around campus



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Prevention Efforts

- Hand Care
 - Encourage regular hand washing with soap and water
 - University has purchased bulk hand sanitizer for high traffic areas through out the University
 - Food Services
 - Lobbies
 - Waiting Areas
 - Computer Labs
 - Additional dispensers are being place on each floor of all buildings

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Prevention Efforts

- Environmental Services
 - Sanitize door knobs
- Recommend sanitation practices developed
 - computer labs
 - high touch areas
 - Reception counters
 - Phones
- Sanitation efforts focused on use of hand sanitizer with focused use of disinfecting wipes or sprays

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Student Focus Efforts

- All students and parents educated regarding influenza/H₁N₁ Flu during orientation sessions for new freshman
- All freshman received additional information regarding influenza as part of Gen 101 Orientation to Campus Course
- Over 3000 bottles of hand sanitizer, flu kits and flu information given to dorm residents on “Welcome Weekend”
- [Campus Health News](#) focused on flu distributed
- Social networking sites updated—Facebook

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Student Focus Efforts

- Social networking sites updated—Facebook
- Health Promotions presentation request developed
- Self-isolation procedures developed for students housed on campus in conjunction with Housing Director
- Developed dorm illness counts to monitor extent of illness
- Request to not require physicians notes for absences

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Faculty Focused Efforts

- General information and recommendations posted on flu site
- Do not need to notify class if someone is diagnosed with H1N1
- Encourage ill students to stay home
- Prepare to use alternate means to conduct courses remotely
 - Blackboard
 - WIMBA (Web Conferencing applications)
 - Record key presentations for students to podcast, view over web

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Faculty Focused Efforts

- Review your policy regarding make-ups and absences
 - Consider amending policy for this semester
 - Be sure to communicate any policy changes
 - PLEASE do not require physicians note to return to class
 - Campus Health Services Class Excuse Policy
- Faculty Absences
 - How to cover classes for extended periods if you are ill

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Staff and Management Focus Efforts

- Encourage flu shot participation ? Prizes
- Determine who is essential personnel
- Consider work from home where appropriate
 - Assess needs for staff to work from home
 - Internet access
 - Internet security
 - Consider obtaining VPN access for essential staff (limited)
 - Selectively forward phones (Limited capacity)
- Educate on workplace sanitation

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Staff and Management Focus Efforts

- Send sick staff home
- Please do not require physicians excuses

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Ongoing Efforts

- Continue to track number of ILI seen at Campus Health Services
- Selective surveillance of suspicious cases in conjunction with health department
- Developing reporting mechanism for faculty and staff absences
- Educate on not requiring physicians excuses
- Educate on prevention techniques
- Provide H1N1 vaccine when available

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Young man now you have



You've Killed Us All!