

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING THE H<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub> (SWINE FLU) VIRUS AND ITS IMPACT AT BUTLER



## HAVE THERE BEEN ANY CASES OF HINI (SWINE) VIRUS AT BUTLER?

Thus far, there have been no reported cases of the H<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub> virus at the BUTLER campuses. The college is in regular contact with local public health officials so that appropriate steps can be taken in the event that any cases are identified.

## ARE ANY CLASSES OR CAMPUS ACTIVITIES BEING CANCELED?

At this time, all activities at BUTLER are operating normally, although everyone is advised to be extra careful about personal hygiene, including frequent hand washing. The college is monitoring the situation closely and will adjust plans if future conditions warrant. The college's response to the outbreak will be based on recommendations from federal, state and county public health authorities.

## WHAT IS THE COLLEGE DOING TO MONITOR THE SITUATION?

The college is in regular contact with local public health officials, in accordance with its preplanned response protocol. Meetings with relevant administrative staff are occurring as needed.

## WHAT ARE FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS?

Symptoms include body aches, fever over 100.0 F, sore throat, chills, cough, and possible nausea and vomiting.

## SHOULD I REPORT TO CLASS OR WORK IF I HAVE FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS?

No. Individuals experiencing flu-like symptoms are advised to stay home and rest so they don't spread illness.

## HOW CAN I PREVENT THE FLU FROM SPREADING?

Good hand-washing, hand sanitizers, staying at least 6 feet from people who are coughing and sneezing and maintaining a healthy lifestyle with a balanced diet and plenty of rest and exercise. If you are ill, students, faculty, and staff should stay home until fever free (<100.0 F) for 24 hours without medication. Visit <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm> for more information.

## WHAT IF SOMEONE IN MY HOME HAS THE FLU?

Please visit [http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance\\_homecare.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/guidance_homecare.htm) for more information.

## WHERE CAN STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF RECEIVE MEDICAL ATTENTION ON CAMPUS IF THEY EXPERIENCE FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS?

They can receive medical attention at Butler College Health Services. Students experiencing flu-like symptoms are advised to call College Health Service's Nurse at 316-322-3371 or 316-218-6282 for advice or to determine if a clinic visit is necessary. Staff or faculty that are experiencing flu-like symptoms are advised to contact their personal physician.

## WHERE SHOULD STUDENTS, STAFF AND FACULTY LOOK FOR UPDATED INFORMATION REGARDING THE HINI OUTBREAK?

The college will continue to post updated information on its Web site. Public officials urge the public to consult the Centers for Disease Control Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/> for the most accurate information regarding the H<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub> outbreak. In addition, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment is posting updated information on its Web site: [www.kdheks.gov](http://www.kdheks.gov).

## SHOULD I RECEIVE A FLU SHOT THIS YEAR?

**YES!!** The regular seasonal influenza vaccine should be available through College Health Service by Oct. 1, 2009. We may also be receiving H<sub>1</sub>N<sub>1</sub> vaccine from KDHE for High risk groups (Pregnant women and college age students are high risk). Check pipeline frequently for updates.

## OTHER SWINE FLU LINKS

[http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/pdf/covercough\\_hcp8-5x11.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/pdf/covercough_hcp8-5x11.pdf)  
Kansas Information: <http://www.kdheks.gov/H1N1>



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