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To: All students, faculty and staff

SUBJECT: Plans for handling the H1N1 and seasonal flu season

UW-Stout is continuing to monitor the activity of the H1N1 influenza virus. While we don’t know how significant the 2009-10 influenza season will be, we are continuing our contingency planning efforts with local health authorities and the Stout Continuity of Operations (COOP) Team. Over the summer, we completed a pandemic influenza plan to ensure that we are prepared to address the health and safety of our campus community in the event of an influenza crisis. This plan is available on this page, please bookmark for future reference. While you are making plans for your school year, here are some recommendations to help you stay healthy:

What You Can and Should Do:

- Follow the basic health and safety guidelines from [http://pandemic.wisconsin.gov](http://pandemic.wisconsin.gov). Remember, that it is always important to stay home when sick and to cover your cough and wash your hands frequently.
- If you are experiencing conditions such as a fever, cough and/or sore throat that concern you, please consult your health care provider. UW-Stout students should call Student Health Services at 232-1314 if you have questions about symptoms.
- Check the UW-Stout [web page](http://pandemic.wisconsin.gov) regarding links to news that might affect classes, events and the university as a whole.
- Pay attention to any official e-mails you receive from the UW-Stout administration regarding this topic. Faculty members may also be connecting with students in their classes.

What UW-Stout Will Do:

- We will offer seasonal influenza vaccine clinics this fall. We are working with the Dunn County Public Health Department to offer H1N1 vaccine clinics when the vaccine becomes available. We will disseminate information about those clinics as soon as possible.
- We have contingency plans in the event we have large numbers of students who become ill with influenza. Plans will include continuity of instructions, if possible, and continuity of services, including services for on-campus student residents who may become ill during the semester.
- We will remind everyone of the added importance of good hygiene in this influenza season. We will take additional measures including signs, and promotional materials, to help further protect the health and safety of the members of our community.

I wish you all a healthy and productive academic year!