



TO: All MUSOM Students  
All Faculty

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SUBJECT: H1N1 Information and Flu Vaccine protocols for Medical Students

The purpose of this memo is to provide guidelines for our medical students and faculty with respect to the prevention and treatment of the influenza virus for the 2009-2010 academic year. These guidelines expand upon the information provided by the CDC for Response to Influenza for Institutions of Higher Education (IHE).

In order to prevent the spread of flu viruses, all students and faculty are encouraged to perform good and frequent hand washing. Soap and water are the best defensive tools; however alcohol based hand sanitizers work well and should be rubbed in until the alcohol is dried.

Seasonal Flu vaccination is required of all students along with documentation of the vaccination. Any student who is medically unable to do so must submit documentation from their physician stating the reasons for the exemption. Protocol with respect to the H1N1 vaccine will be determined based on guidelines established by the CDC. In the event that vaccines are limited in quantity, then consideration for postponing the MS1 and MS2 mentoring program will be addressed.

All faculty are advised that students are to remain in self- isolation (except for the purpose of seeking medical attention) for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medications. Realistically, this could mean that students could miss up to 5-7 five days of class. Provisions need to be made for these students to make up missed work. Additionally, a doctor's excuse will not be able to be provided in most cases. MS-1 and MS-2 students with the flu or flu-like symptoms are not to engage in mentoring activities.

Students who have the flu or flu -like symptoms are to (1) inform Dr Veitia in the Office of Student Affairs-304-691-1730 or [Veitia@marshall.edu](mailto:Veitia@marshall.edu) for the purpose of documentation and (2) call their respective mentors or clerkship directors to advise them as to the reason for their absence. Clerkships directors must ensure that MS-3 and MS-4 students do not participate in any clinical duties during such time that flu symptoms are evident.

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