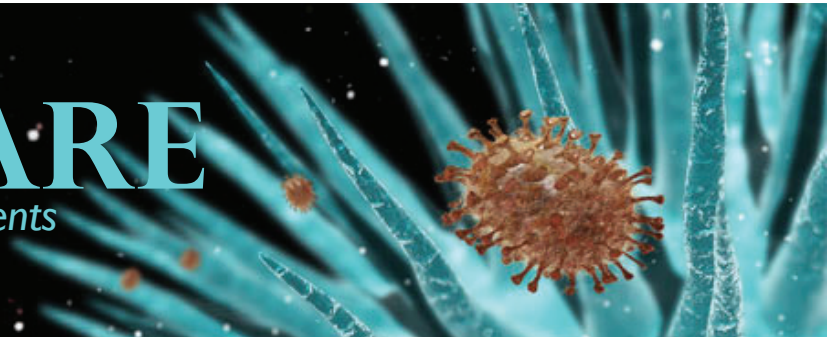


FLU AWARE

an update for faculty, staff and students

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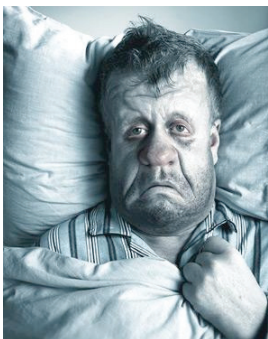
H1N1 - What's the big deal?

Many people are curious as to why there's been such strong media coverage and concern over H1N1 when it seems to have the same general symptoms and outcomes as a "normal" annual flu. The reason is that H1N1 has shown to be far more contagious than a typical seasonal flu. This means we should be very careful to follow standard precautions for protecting ourselves and others from this virus.



Info & Resources

The college has a link on the right side of our main page for the H1N1 Flu. Click on it and you'll see information for our patients, and for faculty, staff and students regarding this virus. Please take some time to review it. We also have documents and resources available on the Shared (G) drive in the "All UFCD" folder, in a folder called "H1N1 Flu Information."



Should I stay or should I go?

Many people in this college are dedicated and, as such, often "drag" themselves into work/school when they're not feeling well. In light of the highly contagious nature of this flu, remember that the responsible thing to do is **STAY HOME** if you're experiencing flu symptoms.

We have to do our part to keep the spread of this virus to a minimum so that it doesn't interrupt our education, patient care and research initiatives. If you have any concerns regarding attendance policies for school or work, please contact the college's HR office. There are special provisions in place to ensure that staying home while you're ill doesn't place a hardship on you.

Backup Plan

I want to thank the people who stepped forward last week to let us know they're clinically trained and willing to assist during a critical staff shortage. However we need to build a strong list of faculty and staff who can help us. Please contact Richelle Janiec (rjaniec@dental.ufl.edu or 3-7896) if you meet the criteria.

Links

College of Dentistry: <http://www.dental.ufl.edu/Offices/News/2009-flu-information.php>

UF: <http://www.ehs.ufl.edu/H1N1/>

Florida Department of Health: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/demo/php/FluInfo.htm>

CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>