

FLU AWARE

an update for faculty, staff and students

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The vaccines are coming

Little by little, vaccines are arriving in our community. When we know how much we'll receive and when, we'll communicate a delivery plan to all of you.

In the meantime, please continue to practice the basics for limiting transmission of the virus. It appears that our college hasn't been heavily hit with H1N1. It could be that our awareness of standard precautions has helped -- that would be good news.

If you have any special needs or concerns that you want me to be aware of as we're planning our vaccination, please send me an email or call me.

As a resource for you, we have lots of info posted on our college web site at:

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

Studying the flu

The UF Student Health Care Center, the Emerging Pathogens Institute and the College of Public Health and Health Professions have teamed up to study the impact of the influenza virus on UF's campus. The study, a random survey of the student body performed weekly, will continue for the next 40 weeks.

"I think we are really trying to understand what role does a large institution like UF play in a community outbreak," said Phillip Barkley, M.D., director of the Student Health Care Center. "This could potentially provide solid data on epidemiology of influenza on a college campus."

Understanding flu trends at UF could help leaders make important decisions about policy and how to respond to future outbreaks, Barkley said.

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Wash your hands

AMA offers flu help online

- The American Medical Association launched
- AMAfluhelp.org, a flu health assessment site
- that allows patients to assess symptoms
- quickly.
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- The program takes patients through a
- series of questions to determine the
- severity of their symptoms and offers a
- set of online tools that can help physicians
- monitor patients' symptoms.
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- The site also offers vaccine info for
- pregnant women and guidance on
- monitoring post-vaccine related symptoms.

www.amafluhelp.org