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MEMORANDUM

TO: NC State Faculty

FROM: Warwick Arden, Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor 

SUBJECT: H1N1 Update

DATE: September 3, 2009

NC State University is staying abreast of developments regarding the spread of H1N1. Health-related information, as well as emergency processes, can be found on the Student Health Services and Environmental Health and Public safety web sites:

<http://www.ncsu.edu/emergency-information/index.php>

[http://www.ncsu.edu/student\\_health/whatsNew/influenzaupdate1.html](http://www.ncsu.edu/student_health/whatsNew/influenzaupdate1.html)

Since the beginning of this academic year-to-date, Student Health Services has confirmed approximately 160 cases of H1N1 in students and our first concern, of course, is for the health of members of the campus community. However, we are also concerned about the possibility that widespread illness could disrupt the academic enterprise of the university.

If you are even mildly sick with flu-like symptoms, please stay home and seek medical attention. You should return to work only after your fever and symptoms have abated for 24 hours. It would be good to have a back-up plan in place now for covering your classes and related duties should you become ill.

Now would also be a good time to develop a plan to ensure consistency of communication with your students. We will develop additional communications strategies and there are many options available to you for staying connected, including: telephone conference calls, e-mail listservs, text messaging, facebook, twitter, etc.

I encourage you to have conversations with your colleagues and students during the upcoming weeks of classes and outline in writing how instruction will continue and how students can make up missed classes, assignments, and exams if you or your students become ill. Under these exceptional circumstances, I encourage you to consider greater flexibility in your class attendance policies.

The situation is by its very nature uncertain, but we will be monitoring developments closely and will stay in contact with you. Flu shots are still the best way to fight the flu; you can sign up for a regular seasonal flu shot at:

<http://www.ncsu.edu/bulletin/archive/2008/09/09-18/flu-shots.php>

NC State is currently negotiating to become a point of distribution for H1N1 vaccine. Information will be forthcoming as the vaccine is made available for use. Best wishes for an exciting and productive semester.

cc: Chancellor Woodward