



Student Services

September 16, 2009

Dear Parents of Chester College of New England Students:

I am writing to inform you of the steps that the College is taking in the event of an outbreak on campus of the H1N1 (Swine Flu) virus. We believe that the first step is prevention. Toward that end, members of the Student Services Staff have held meetings with all residents, reviewing basic hygiene procedures which have been shown to significantly reduce the spread of any kind of flu virus. We have also posted notices in all campus restrooms reminding members of the campus community of the importance of thorough hand washing. Additionally, we have made available dispensers of hand sanitizer gel that can be used in common areas where many students mingle. These areas include the library, residence halls, reception desk, and cafeteria.

Members of the College staff have already met and have begun contingency planning in the event that there is an outbreak of the flu virus on campus. Faculty, staff, and students will soon be meeting with the regional health co-coordinator from the state of New Hampshire who will be advising us of ways to prevent and combat flu outbreaks if and when they occur. Material that we have already received from both state and national agencies such as the Center for Disease Control (CDC) have already alerted our staff to reasonable steps that should be taken in the event of an outbreak. Since we are already on the distribution list for all communications from the regional health officer in our area of New Hampshire, we will be apprised of local and state conditions relative to the incidence of the flu and possible availability of community inoculation, should there be enough vaccine for our population.

We will keep you informed of further developments and urge you to contact Kevin Hodges, Director of Student Services, or me if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Byron Petrakis, PhD, Dean of Students

Kevin Hodges, Director of Student Services