

Dear SUU Staff,

The University has been taking steps to try to minimize the impact of flu and other contagious diseases this academic year. This includes efforts to raise awareness of how to prevent the spread of disease, the modification of cleaning schedules and practices, and ongoing dialogue with various entities throughout the City to ensure an appropriate response, if necessary.

The latest data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that infection rates could be twice as high as normal. While we do not know the magnitude of the challenges we may face, we will do our best to keep you informed and to provide you with updates as the flu season progresses.

In the next few days, we will be sending out a message to both students and parents. The entire message to students is attached to this email. We ask that you serve as stewards of good health care and encourage students to wash their hands, cover their mouth when they cough, and not come to campus if they are ill. For those of you who employ students, if they are exhibiting flu-like symptoms, you can and should send them home.

The CDC is strongly recommending *self-isolation* to avoid the spread of the disease. We are asking that anyone who is ill – faculty, staff or student – avoid coming to campus and faculty have been asked to work with students who miss class because of illness.

The illness is such that it may force you to miss several days of work; therefore, please create a plan for task management in your absence and discuss or share that plan with your appropriate supervisor. If you are going to be out of the office, please activate an away message on your voice mail (if applicable) and your email, and include an alternative contact point for those who need assistance.

We will do our best to keep you abreast of developments via emails and web postings. More information about H1N1 can be found on the student health clinic website at www.suu.edu/ss/studenthealth or by clicking on the link on the SUU homepage.

In advance, thank you for your cooperation as we embark on what may prove to be a very interesting fall semester.

Sincerely,

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