

Dear Parents,

As we begin another academic year, I want to share important information about your student's health and well being. We have been closely monitoring developments regarding the H1N1 Influenza ("swine flu"). With careful attention to recommended flu prevention and treatment guidelines, we hope to minimize the impact of a flu outbreak on campus, should one occur.

When it comes to the flu, prevention is the goal. We have provided our students with information on how to reduce their risk of contracting the flu, what to do if they feel sick and what campus resources are available to help them. These guidelines, along with other information and updates related to the H1N1 influenza, are posted at www.dug.edu/health-updates.

Students who feel ill are advised to call the University Health Service at 412.396.1650 to determine if flu testing or treatment is necessary. The Health Service office, located on the second floor of the Duquesne Union, is staffed by registered nurses, a nurse practitioner and a physician. The office is open Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Friday until 5 p.m. For after-hours care, resident students should call the front desk of their Living Learning Center for assistance.

In addition, we have prepared a comprehensive emergency response plan, in collaboration with the Allegheny County Department of Health and UPMC Mercy Hospital, which enables us to quickly mobilize the personnel and resources necessary to respond to a flu outbreak.

Please help us keep all Duquesne students healthy by discussing flu prevention and awareness measures with your student.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Rev. Sean Hogan, C.S.Sp.
Executive Vice President for Student Life