

EMU MESSAGE TO STUDENTS: COPING WITH INFLUENZA-LIKE-ILLNESS/H1N1

To minimize the spread of H1N1 this year, the Centers for Disease Control, as well as the American College Health Association, are urging voluntary self-isolation for any individual experiencing the symptoms of an influenza-like-illness (ILI). These symptoms include a documented fever greater than 100°F, a cough and/or sore throat in the absence of another cause. If you experience these symptoms as an EMU student, this means:

- you should not attend class, other planned EMU events/activities, social gatherings or other public places;
- you should remain self-isolated until you are without a fever for 24 hours, without fever-reducing medication;
- you will not be asked to produce a written document from a physician by EMU.

Should you miss class activities because of ILI or H1N1, please know that the University is committed to ensuring both your health and your opportunity to complete a course without academic penalty. This, however, does not relieve you of your responsibility for course requirements, deadlines and exams. As always, faculty have broad latitude to determine how assignments and course responsibilities can be made up. But, because of the unique nature of this flu season, the EMU Faculty Council has agreed to a policy statement requiring faculty to provide flexibility with attendance and grading policies.

To receive accommodation for making up missed assignments and activities, **you must notify your instructors by email, with a copy, or separate message to h1n1@emich.edu, as soon as possible.** Students who are absent more than one week should also contact the Office of the Ombudsman (734-487-0074, or visit <http://www.emich.edu/ombuds/> to fill out an online contact form). Please note that the h1n1@emich.edu email address is not to be used for questions about H1N1, ILI or other health-related issues; it is simply for absence notification purposes. If you have health questions, please contact University Health Services at 734-487-1122. If you have academic policy questions, please contact the Provost's Office at emuprovost@emich.edu.

EMU's policy regarding its *Continuity Plan for Extensive Absenteeism: H1N1* can be found at <http://www.emich.edu/public/aa/h1n1.html>. This document also includes answers to frequently-asked-questions for students and faculty. In addition, *EMU's 2009 Influenza A (H1N1) Situation Reports* can be found at <http://www.emich.edu/uhs/swineflu/>. Thank you in advance for helping us minimize the impact of ILI/H1N1 impact to the EMU community by adhering to the policy of self-isolation.