

A Message to Visitors about the H1N1 (swine) Flu

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Welcome to the UNC Charlotte 2009 Commencement Web site! For those of you who plan to attend one of our ceremonies on Saturday, May 8, we look forward to having you as our guests. But before you come to campus we want to provide some words of caution regarding the H1N1 flu, commonly known as the swine flu.

There have been NO suspected cases of H1N1 flu reported at UNC Charlotte. Currently, the University is operating on its usual schedule and the May 9 commencement ceremonies are scheduled to go forward as planned. At this time there is no significant threat of contracting the flu by attending commencement.

However, because the flu can be easily transmitted during large gatherings of people, here are some important recommendations to consider:

- If you are sick with the flu of any kind, please do not attend commencement.
- If you have symptoms of H1N1 flu, please seek medical attention before attending commencement. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) state the symptoms of H1N1 flu in people are similar to the symptoms of regular human flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue.
- Especially while you are at the Student Activity Center, please follow these recommendations for the CDC:
 - Wash your hands frequently during the day, especially after touching door knobs, faucets, handrails, etc.
 - Avoid touching your eyes or face with your hands.
 - Cover your coughs and sneezes with your arm (not your hand).
 - If you blow your nose into a tissue, dispense with the tissue in a trash receptacle.
 - Minimize shaking hands with others.
 - Be mindful of sharing telephones, cell phones, cameras, drinks, etc. with others.

The University's Pandemic Response Team is actively monitoring the H1N1 flu situation and preparing for any changes that may occur on campus. Updates will be posted on this Web page and on the UNCC.edu home page.

The following organizations provide online information about swine flu:

[Centers for Disease Control](#)
[NC Department of Health and Human Services](#)
[Mecklenburg County Health Department](#)