

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA-LINCOLN

2009/2010 Flu Season UNL Student Attendance Policy

In order to aid in protecting the health and safety of students, UNL has adopted the following attendance procedures specific to students who exhibit flu symptoms this season. Due to the highly contagious nature of H1N1 flu and its similarity in symptoms to seasonal flu, anyone displaying flu-like symptoms will be treated the same under these procedures. Please note, this is interim guidance and subject to change as additional information becomes available.

A.) Students exhibiting the following symptoms MUST NOT come to class or other public events.

Fever (greater than 38 C or 100.4 F) combined with one or more of the following:

1. Cough
2. Sore throat
3. Runny or stuffy nose
4. Body aches
5. Headache
6. Chills
7. Fatigue
8. Diarrhea and/or vomiting.

B.) Students should notify their instructor that they are ill and unable to come to class.

C.) Students living in University Housing should notify their resident advisor that they are ill. University Housing residents will follow University Housing's influenza guidelines.

D.) Students must stay home or in their residence and minimize human contact if they are sick with flu-like illness until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

E.) Students may be sent home if they display the above symptoms. Those who display symptoms and refuse to leave after being asked to do so may be subject to disciplinary action.

F.) For faculty requiring attendance in classes, please modify your policy so that students who are ill with influenza are not penalized for doing the right thing by staying home and not attending class. The university does not want ill students in class spreading the influenza.

G.) Faculty should ensure they have a method of communicating with the entire class if class or event cancellation alerts need to be sent.

H.) Faculty should make provisions for students who have been absent to obtain the necessary class materials once they return to class.

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