

9/21/09 UA H1N1 Flu Status Update #3

We continue to see cases of flu-like illness in UA students – now entering week #6 after the first August case of H1N1 flu was diagnosed. All of the students seen with a flu-like illness have had a mild to moderate illness and have recovered completely or are recovering.

Influenza has been diagnosed in approximately 320 students over the past five weeks and it is estimated that up to 400 cases have occurred in UA students over that time. Of 36 tests sent to the AZ State Lab for confirmation of influenza and viral typing, 29 (80%) have been confirmed to be the novel H1N1 type (this is the swine flu or pandemic flu virus). The other 7 specimens showed no influenza virus. So we have H1N1 flu circulating in the UA student population, but also continue to have some non-flu respiratory viral infections and strep throat being seen as well. Since all of the flu being seen right now is the novel H1N1 type, we have significantly decreased the number of tests we are sending to the AZ State Lab for confirmation.

We have started providing seasonal flu vaccinations to those who wish to receive them. Campus Health will be holding seasonal flu vaccine clinics in proximity to major classroom buildings throughout the week of 9/28/09. We will also be holding a drive through seasonal flu shot clinic for UA students and employees on 10/3/09 from 9 am to Noon along Second Street on the UA campus. Here is the schedule of those seasonal flu shot clinics:

- Monday, September 28, 2009 from 0930 - 1 pm in front of Harvil. and 2-6 pm in front of Physics & Atmospheric Sciences
- Tuesday, September 29, 2009 - AHSC clinic from 12-3pm (for the medical, nursing, pharmacy, and public health students)
- Wednesday, September 30, 2009 - Tent on the Mall in front of the Student Union from 11-1pm
- Thursday, October 1, 2009 from 10:45 - 2pm on the west side of Old Main in front of Social Sciences
- Friday, October 2, 2009 from 8:45 - 1pm in front of the ILC and from 2-4:15pm in front of Bio East
- Saturday, October 3, 2009 from 9am-12pm Drive Thru Flu shot clinic on 2nd street

In addition, we will be administering the seasonal flu vaccine at Campus Health Services - no appointment necessary. The cost: \$15.00 billable to a bursar account, credit card, cash, or check made out to: The University of Arizona Campus Health Service.

We will likely be receiving initial supplies of the novel H1N1 vaccine later in October and will hold flu shot clinics to distribute that vaccine as well. More information on the pandemic H1N1 flu shot clinics will be forthcoming once we have information as to when we will be receiving that initial vaccine supply, how much vaccine we will be receiving and the priority groups for that vaccine.