

## 9/8/09 UA H1N1 Flu Status Update #2

We continue to see cases of flu-like illness in UA students – now entering week #4 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 200 students over the past three weeks and it is estimated that up to 300 cases have occurred in UA students over that time. Of 35 tests sent to the AZ State Lab for confirmation of influenza and viral typing, 28 (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, as well as some non-flu respiratory viral infections. Since all of the flu being seen right now is the novel H1N1 type, we have 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. We will be receiving supplies of the novel H1N1 vaccine once it is being distributed – likely later in October.