

As the international H1N1 flu (originally called swine flu) outbreak continues widening, local public health officials are confirming there are people with flu-like symptoms that are similar to those associated with the H1N1 flu virus in our communities. Our College administration is genuinely concerned for the health and well-being of our employees and students at Mesabi Range Community & Technical College. The likelihood that this virus will affect our College community during the next few months is, potentially, high. We will continue closely monitoring this situation and will communicate all factual information to our employees and students as we are instructed to release from our Federal, State and County Public Health agencies.

We urge our students, faculty, and staff to self-monitor the health of themselves and their family members. Health officials continue to encourage practicing good hygiene, and remaining at home when displaying flu symptoms, in order to limit the spread of the H1N1 and all other flu viruses.

Please take some time to review the Flu Presentation linked on our emergency webpage: <http://www.mnscu.edu/emergency/emergency.html>. If you have any questions, please contact our Safety & Health Director, Jeffrey Mayer, or find the latest updates on this virus at the following websites:

- U. S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

<http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/>

- World Health Organization

<http://www.who.int/csr/disease/swineflu/en/index.html>

- Flu.gov

<http://www.flu.gov>

- Minnesota Department of Health

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/>

- American College Health Association

<http://www.acha.org/>