

H1N1 Flu Information and Countermeasures

I am sure you are all well aware of the current situation with H1N1 Influenza. Cases within Hiroshima Prefecture, as well as Hiroshima University are on the rise. Thus, we have revised our policies, focusing on suppressing and lessening the chances of a sudden outbreak. Our policies, current as of September 2, are listed below. Infection rates are supposed to peak from September to October, thus we ask that all students and staff continue to take precautions to prevent infection. Please be sure to continue to check the university homepage, Momiji, and Iroha for information on university closures which may occur due to circumstances.

1. We ask that all students and staff continue to take basic infection countermeasures (gargling, washing hands, covering your mouth and coughing/sneezing, etc). Should you have a high fever (over 38 degrees Celsius along with sudden symptoms of respiratory illness such as runny or stuffy nose, sore throat, cough, etc), take off from work/school and call your nearest medical institution. If you do not know where to get an examination, please call your nearest Fever Hotline Center.
2. Should you or someone living with you be diagnosed with H1N1 Influenza, do not go to school or work and contact your faculty/department and the Health Service Center immediately. Also, please contact the Risk Management Center and follow their directions regarding those around you who may have been exposed to the illness and countermeasures to take.
3. Regarding university closure and period
 - The decision to close the university shall be made based on the state of outbreak or epidemic at the university. We will also take into account the demands from the prefecture/city as well as the rate of infection in Higashi-Hiroshima.
 - As classes may be cancelled, please be sure to continue to keep current on class information.
4. Information on education, extracurricular activities, the operation of campus welfare facilities, lectures and academic conferences, public lectures, student part-time workers, courses for teacher license renewal, students living in dorms or private housing, international students, etc
 - While these events, etc, may not be cancelled, it may become necessary to do so in the near future. Thus, we ask that you continue to check information as it is posted.
5. Returning from Abroad
 - Excluding those who fall under '2', it is no longer necessary to submit forms upon returning home.
6. Closures of Attached Schools
 - Closure will be decided based on the policies of prefectural and city boards of education
7. Those who work in the hospital or give examinations must contact the Infection Management Office regardless of what is written above and follow their instructions.

This concludes the updates to our policies, however, as this is an infectious disease, we ask that you pay attention to your own health so as not to contract the flu, and ask that should you exhibit symptoms, that you please get early treatment so as not to infect others.

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