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To: NDSU-STAFF@LISTSERV.NODAK.EDU  
Subject: H1N1 Information from NDSU Crisis Management Response Team

To staff,

Our Crisis Management Response Team (CMRT) is continuing to monitor the status of the H1N1 virus, taking their lead from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the ND Department of Health and Fargo Cass Public Health. Please pay close attention to messages sent through the listserv from the NDSU.CMRT@ndsu.edu address to keep apprised of the latest information. Additional information is also available at [www.ndsu.edu/vpur/H1N1](http://www.ndsu.edu/vpur/H1N1).

The CDC is recommending that if you are sick, stay home until at least 24 hours after you are free of fever or signs of a fever (100 F [37.8C]) without the use of fever-reducing medications. As always, please notify your supervisor when you are out sick.

Call first before seeking care to determine the appropriate course of action. Staff can call the North Dakota toll-free hotline at (866)207-2880 for more information on H1N1 or contact your local health care provider.

#### Questions about H1N1

If you are staff and have questions, please contact your provider or call the ND H1N1 Hotline at 866.207.2880. The Hotline will operate from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Additional information is also available, go to H1N1 Influenza: Questions and Answers at [www.ndsu.edu/vpur/H1N1](http://www.ndsu.edu/vpur/H1N1).

#### Vaccination for H1N1

Local providers follow CDC protocols for seasonal and H1N1 vaccination. It is anticipated that when an H1N1 vaccine becomes available, local providers will offer it to staff.

To help alleviate calls on when, where, etc., for H1N1 and seasonal flu vaccine clinics, the ND Dept. of Health has a vaccine locator website where the public can learn where vaccine is, and where it is not. The web address is <http://www.ndflu.com/FluClinic.aspx>

#### Priority groups for H1N1 Novel Vaccine Include:

- All people from 6 months to 24 years of age
- Persons aged 25 through 64 years of age who have health conditions associated with higher risk of medical complications from influenza
- Healthcare and emergency medical services personnel
- Household contacts and caregivers of children younger than 6 months of age
- Pregnant women

When vaccine demands for the prioritized groups have been met, vaccination

for those ages 25 through 64 years will begin. Since the risk of infection among persons age 65 or older is lower, this group will receive vaccinations once demand among younger age groups has been met.

Prevention is the greatest defense against the H1N1 virus. If we all remain diligent with prevention efforts, we will be more likely to remain healthy or to minimize the severity of illness.

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