

SUBJECT: Flu Prevention Information
DATE: Monday, April 27, 2009
TIME: 7:15 p.m.

Dear Members of the Columbia Community:

As you may know, several confirmed cases of mild swine flu have been identified in New York City.

Columbia will follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other appropriate agencies in fashioning the University's responses to a matter of understandable public concern.

Currently, there are no changes to University operations or activities based on these public health recommendations.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued a recommendation to avoid non-essential travel to Mexico during this time.

The best thing everyone can do at present is to practice normal precautionary hygiene, such as regular hand-washing. If you have flu-like symptoms, it is recommended that you stay home from work or school and avoid public activities.

For ongoing updates and prevention tips, please visit:
<http://www.columbia.edu/cu/student-services/preparedness/>

Officials at Columbia University Medical Center, Columbia University Health and Safety and Columbia University Health Services continue to monitor the situation closely.

Additionally, if you are interested in monitoring updates on your own, the most recent information is available on the CDC website:
<http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/index.htm>

Sincerely,

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