

The Florida State University has established a web site (<http://h1n1.fsu.edu/>) with information about the H1N1 virus (formerly known as the swine flu).

FSU is expecting that cases of infection will probably begin to occur soon with the influx of students on campus. The illness is expected to run through the university community within about an 8-week period. It is an unusual flu virus in that it is affecting people during the summer and it is striking mostly young people (under the age of 25). Infection rates are very low in those born before 1957. In general, it is also causes relatively mild symptoms, worse in those with pre-existing health conditions.

Please take precautions to reduce your risk of contracting the disease and prevent it from spreading. If you do become ill, please stay home. Persons who become ill should not return to school or work until 24 hours after their temperature has returned to normal without taking fever-reducing medication.

Please review the information on the web site and encourage staff and students to do so as well.