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Date: September 21, 2009
To: The John Jay College Community
From: President Jeremy Travis
Re: H1N1 Preparedness

I am writing to inform you of our plans regarding the H1N1 flu virus. As you probably know, the severity of H1N1 (swine flu) this fall is expected to be about what was encountered last spring. Your health is of utmost importance to us and we are taking steps to prevent the spread of H1N1 and will continue to be proactive in our response.

An H1N1 working group has been established consisting of key administrative staff and faculty to work together on prevention and response plans. We are in the process of developing a comprehensive program in conjunction with the CUNY Central Offices for Environmental Health Safety & Risk Management and Health Services, our own Health Office and we are closely following guidelines from the Center of Disease Control (CDC) and State and City Health Departments.

The spread of the flu virus is communicable from person to person. As such, we encourage you to take the following precautions based on recommendations from government health professionals:

- Avoid close contact with people who are ill.
- If you are ill, keep your distance from others to protect them from becoming ill as well.
- Cough or sneeze into the crook of your arm or your upper shoulder, not into your hands.
- If using a tissue when coughing or sneezing, immediately dispose of the used tissue in a wastebasket, then wash your hands.
- Wash your hands with soap and water frequently. Alternatively, use an alcohol-based hand gel.
- Do not share food, drink or utensils
- Get plenty of sleep
- Be physically active
- Drink plenty of fluids and eat nutritious food

While these are standard precautions, it is critical that we take them to prevent the incidence and spread of disease. Through our collective efforts we can significantly reduce the impact.

In the days ahead, you will see information posted and distributed through various means across the campus. We will be installing hand sanitizers in public areas and a health information session is scheduled on Tuesday October 6 from 10AM-3PM in the North Hall Multi Purpose Room.

For the most up-to-date information on H1N1 flu virus please visit the following websites:

Centers for Disease Control:

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

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene:

<http://www.nyc.gov/html/doh/html/flu/flu-pub-h1n1.shtml>

City University of New York:

http://cuny.edu/news/newsreleases_p=4262.html

Students with confirmed cases of infectious disease should report this information to College Health Services. Employees should report same to the Colleges' Department of Human Resources. The Office of Academic Affairs will prepare further policies if necessary regarding the impact of the virus in the classroom.

You can consult with our Health Office regarding where vaccinations can be obtained. We have learned that vaccinations will be made available mid to late October.

Please note the following contacts for any questions you may have:

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Thank you for your efforts to help keep the John Jay Community healthy.