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Dear Bucks Student,

As you are aware from the news, the H1N1 virus has spread throughout the United States. We want our campus community to be aware, rather than alarmed, and to take the necessary precautions to prevent the spread of germs. The key to prevention is to recognize the symptoms which include the following:

- Fever
- Cough
- Lethargy
- Lack of appetite
- Runny nose
- Sore Throat
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

Preventive steps include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- Throw tissues in the trash after use
- Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers located in buildings throughout the campus
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- If you experience any illness, stay home, and limit contact with others
- Do not return to the College until you are free of symptoms such as fever, without fever reducing drugs, for 24 hours.

One of the questions I have heard students ask is "If I get sick and I'm unable to attend class, will my class attendance record be affected?" Faculty have been asked to respond to ill students as they would with any other illness, to provide the opportunity to make up missed work/exams, and to adjust attendance requirements as needed for students with the H1N1 and seasonal influenza. Please consult with each of your professors by e-mail or phone to explore ways in which to make up work, view course materials online, if available and discuss the instructor's specific procedures.

For more information and updates, there are excellent resources and information at [www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov), [www.health.state.pa.us](http://www.health.state.pa.us), and <http://bit.ly/HealthAlert>.

Best wishes for a healthy and successful semester.

Sincerely,

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