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Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

As the safety and well-being of our students, faculty and staff is our first priority, Everglades University is closely monitoring the H1N1 virus, commonly referred to as the “swine flu”. While the majority of swine flu cases have been identified in Mexico, we are seeing an increase in confirmed cases in the United States. At this time, we don’t anticipate a disruption of classes but we are taking the possibility of an outbreak very seriously. Additionally, we are taking precautions to assist students and faculty in the continuity of their classes should a campus closure become necessary. In an effort to keep our campus communities informed, the university’s website will serve as a primary method of communication. As we continue to follow the latest information on the H1N1 virus, any additional advisories will be posted on the website and the emergency hotline at 1-877-353-4737.

Your university’s administration is monitoring the advisories of the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) (www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu/) and the Florida Department of Health (http://www.doh.state.fl.us/) on the swine influenza and we encourage our entire campus community to do the same.

Below are some of their tips:

What You Can Do to Stay Healthy

- Stay informed. The CDC website will be updated regularly as information becomes available.
- Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people. Take everyday actions to stay healthy.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Stay home if you get sick. CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

Should you have any questions or concerns, we encourage you to also call your local campus for more information.

We look forward to seeing our new and returning students and faculty for summer classes.

Most sincerely,

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