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**To:** Landmark College Faculty & Staff  
**From:** Brent E. Betit, Ed.D.  
**Date:** 6/11/2009  
**Re:** WHO Declares Phase 6 Influenza A (H1N1) Pandemic

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Colleagues:

The World Health Organization today raised its alert level to 6, the highest alert level in their scale, signifying that a pandemic exists. This news has been expected, and is not cause for extraordinary concern, but has implications for our planning and operations.

As reported by the Washington Post, "The current swine flu strain is not considered especially deadly, but its ability to spread to different communities met WHO's criteria for proclaiming a pandemic." This means that we may expect to see further spread of the virus into Vermont, and perhaps into our internal community, within the coming weeks and months. There are currently nearly 13,000 laboratory-confirmed cases of the virus in the United States, with less than 100 cases reported in Vermont.

The Emergency Committee of Landmark College was already scheduled to meet early next week, and this meeting will occur as planned. You may expect to hear from the Committee again next week, with further information.

In the meantime, please visit Landmark College's public website at:

<http://www.landmark.edu/pandemic-flu/index.cfm> for background information, and for "stay healthy" tips.

Please have a safe and healthy Friday and weekend.

Best regards,

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