



June 18, 2009

**Letter to families of incoming students**

This letter will be sent to each family enrolling a student in a summer program, or the upcoming 2009 – 2010 academic year.

Dear Family,

Since mid-April of this year, the H1N1 virus has demanded the attention and action of health organizations, government agencies, businesses, educational institutions and individuals. While the issue may be less present in the news media today than it was in April, the spread of the H1N1 virus is still being monitored and addressed around the world.

Throughout this situation, Landmark College has been actively responding to the concerns and issues caused by the virus as they emerge through its emergency management committee.

Just last week, the World Health Organization raised the alert level for the H1N1 virus to level 6 – its highest level – indicating that the virus has reached the pandemic level. This development required the Emergency Committee, which I chair, to review the College's current plans and responses, to ensure we are appropriately safeguarding the health and welfare of students enrolled at the College, and the employees who serve them.

While we do not anticipate an outbreak of the H1N1 virus, and as yet have not had a single case reported on Landmark's campus, it is essential to implement protocols that minimize your son/daughter's risk of exposure in the event that the virus impacts individuals within the Landmark College community. To effectively insure your son or daughter's safety, as well as the safety of other students on campus, the College has implemented the following procedures:

- Students who are evaluated and found to exhibit symptoms of the flu will be required to leave the program and depart campus. This is in line with CDC guidelines and the College's strategy of 'social distancing' to limit the spread of the virus.

Re: Update on the H1N1 Influenza (Swine flu)

- The College intends to continue operation throughout the summer, and we are making our usual preparations to welcome students to our degree program in the fall. The CDC no longer requires closing the campus if a case of the H1N1 virus were to present itself. However, the College would work with health officials, and would consider this option, if multiple cases were to emerge on campus concurrently and this extraordinary measure were deemed advisable. In that event, we would use established emergency communication channels to alert students and families immediately.

We will continue to keep you and the community updated and informed as this issue evolves. The College maintains and routinely updates the H1N1 information site at <http://www.landmark.edu/pandemic-flu/>. This site includes key contact information, identifying individuals who can respond to discrete questions that you may have.

We remain committed to providing a safe and healthy environment on this campus for the members of our close community. We are working diligently to ensure that your son's or daughter's participation as a member of this academic community is secure and rewarding, positioning them for the success and fulfillment that they so deserve. We look forward to welcoming both new and familiar faces to our beautiful campus in the coming weeks and months.

Yours sincerely,



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