



November 6, 2009

Dear Landmark Parent or Family Member,

Over the last two days three Landmark College students have reported to the Student Health Service with flu symptoms. Today we received confirmation that the first of those three students has tested positive for the H1N1 virus (swine flu).

Reports have generally suggested that the course of the illness may be less severe than originally anticipated. Still it is important for anyone with a compromised immune system or other health problems to take any necessary precautions. If your student falls in that category please consult your health care provider for advice.

Your student's health is important to us and so we want you to know how we are responding to the presence of the illness on campus. We have renewed our request that all community members follow the standard precautions to avoid contracting the flu or contributing to its spread (see November 5 communication on our web site below). We have also reminded students that Health Services has a supply of H1N1 vaccine in injection and nasal spray forms. The vaccine is free of charge. We encourage all students to consider being vaccinated as protection for themselves and the community.

We have asked students who develop flu-like symptoms to contact Health Services as soon as possible. The Service's hours are generally 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Students who become ill on the weekend or during the night should contact the RD on duty at 380-6781. The RD can contact a doctor for your student. If your student has the flu we will suggest he or she go home to recuperate at least until fever has dissipated. If he or she has the flu and cannot go home we will assign the student to an area isolated from others who are not ill.

Going to the emergency room is rarely necessary. Brattleboro hospital asks that we all preserve the emergency room for patients with the most serious illness or injury. Patients with flu-like symptoms who visit the emergency room will simply be told to follow advice like that given at our website.

At this time all scheduled activities at the College are proceeding as normal. We will monitor the situation closely and inform you if the circumstances change substantially. If you have questions please visit the college's H1N1 site for information or telephone numbers you can call to ask about your specific concerns. The website address is <http://www.landmark.edu/pandemic-flu/index.cfm>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen Camp". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Stephen Camp
Vice President for Student Affairs