

Louisiana Tech University Preparedness for H1N1:

1. Links have been provided on the Tech homepage, current students' page, and faculty and staff page, directing individuals to current information about H1N1. That web page will reflect any modifications we receive from the CDC and ULS officials.
2. During the first week of the fall academic term, a campus-wide email will be sent to students, faculty and staff, providing basic information including preventive hygiene measures, symptoms, and recommendations for treatment.
3. RAs will distribute printed material throughout the residence halls.
4. Posters have been developed to be posted in all campus buildings.
5. Informational spots will be aired on Tech TV (channel 4).
6. The regional Emergency Preparedness coordinator met with University Health Center staff to both instruct on recommended protocol and to provide educational materials for distribution. This professional will provide an in-service session to students participating in sorority recruitment. She will also return in September for an informational session for faculty and staff.
7. Hand sanitizers and masks have been purchased in bulk in case of a need for distribution.
8. The University Health Center has been contacted by the state immunization program and personnel have agreed to serve as a flu shot distribution center.
9. In the event of an outbreak, the Emergency Response Team will contact the campus community in accordance with the Crisis Management Plan established protocol. Media for contact may include the *Firstcall* emergency notification system, Blackboard, and/ or B.O.S.S.
10. A meeting to address the above preparedness measures and determine other H1N1 responses has been scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, 2009. Academic and Student Affairs will be represented, as will other key University officers.

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1. Serving H1N1 positive students on line and any other procedures for containing the spread of the disease.

Response

All of our procedures will be stressed as informational only and not as a reaction to reported cases or an out break so as not to create a panic situation with students and parents.

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- During the first week of the fall term, a campus-wide email will be sent to students, faculty and staff providing basic information including preventative hygiene measures, symptoms and recommendations for treatment.
- RA's will distribute printed material throughout the residence halls.
- Informational spots will be aired on Tech TV (channel 4).
- Hand sanitizers and masks have been purchased in bulk in case of a need for distribution.
- In the event of an outbreak, the Emergency Response Team will contact the campus community in accordance with the Crisis Management Plan established protocol. Media for contact may include the *Firstcall* emergency notification system, Blackboard, and/or B.O.S.S.
- Tech faculty will post to each class Blackboard site sufficient class materials for students to continue lecture class participation for one to two weeks without being physically present. Faculty will remain available to students by electronic or phone communications. H1N1 positive students would also be given the option to transfer to online sections of courses if they are available. Faculty, if ill, should be able to continue instruction from off campus (home) using Blackboard for a limited period of time. If not able to continue teaching responsibilities, a substitute will be found. Department heads will closely monitor instruction and classes. The Blackboard instruction option can be used by individual students or in the event of campus closure.

2. Campus Closure Procedures if Needed

Response

Campus closure will be initiated at such time that the institution can no longer effectively provide services to the student population. This action would be reserved as a last resort only.

If Tech is forced to close for any period of time due to H1N1, we will continue operations by following the existing academic calendar and using online instruction whenever possible. The use of supplemental instruction days may be required if the situation warrants it. These same procedures are in place for use during University closure for natural disasters such as hurricane evacuations, ice or snow storms, or tornado or wind damage.

Media contacts, e-mail, informational spots, *Firstcall*, Tech TV, and on-campus announcements will be utilized to announce closure. Only essential personnel will remain on campus. Communication networks and physical plant will be kept operational.

3. Procedure to Distribute Immunizations on Campus

Response

The Student Health Center on our campus in conjunction with Office of Public Health has designated Tech as a distribution center for the H1N1 vaccine. The Student Health Center staff will collaborate with Nursing faculty and student nurses to administer vaccines at a central location on campus when available. The H1N1 vaccine will be given free of charge to an undetermined population at this time.