

Nicholls State University

Response to Regents asking for information related to:

a) Ability to Serve H1N1 Students online:

Nicholls State University has in place an alternative instructional method, a.k.a. Blackboard Academic Suite, which is available to students and faculty in order to minimize the amount of class work missed due to absenteeism. This is an electronic based course room system where students and faculty can access their courses 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

b) Campus closure procedures:

In preparation of a possible University closure, the President will receive guidance and updates from the Emergency Preparedness Committee. This committee as outlined in the Pandemic Preparedness Plan Level 1 actions is comprised of University Health Services including the University Physician (Anna Falcon, MD) and the University Environmental Health and Safety Department. As early as level 2, the President will begin to receive recommendations from the UL System. Final orders for a University closure will come from the UL System or the LA Commissioner of Administration. At that time, the President will authorize suspension of classes or call for a campus closure.

c) Plans/Procedures to distribute immunizations on campus:

We have contracted for Maxim Health Systems to come to Nicholls State University campus on September 28, 2009 from 10:00am to 2:00pm and on September 29, 2009 from 11:00 am to 1:00pm to provide faculty, staff, and students with the Seasonal Influenza vaccine at a cost of \$30.00 per vaccination, Phenomena vaccine at a cost of \$45.00 per vaccination, and the Meningococcal (meningitis) vaccine at a cost of \$130.00.

Nicholls State University has prepared a Point of Dispensing (POD) emergency response plan in the event of a pandemic situation. In the event of a pandemic (called by the Region III Office of Public Health) Nicholls State University will follow that established pandemic plan. This will be a closed POD for Nicholls State University students and employees for the provision of immunization.

What University Health Services/Environmental Safety is doing to educate Nicholls State University community regarding H1N1 flu prevention?

Following all guidance and recommendations provided by the Centers for Disease Control

Updating web page: both University Health Services and NSU home page

Welcome Back Day: H1N1 Flu Tic-Tac-Toe game/brochures

Family Day: H1N1 flu informational flyers/tic-tac-toe game/brochures

Informational emails sent to faculty/staff/students: continuous

Informational flyers delivered to all residence hall and LMDB students; September & October

Posters/Hand-washing instructions posted in high traffic areas

Alcohol based hand sanitizer placed in all bathrooms with no hot water

Article in Nichollsworth News paper

NSU Television Channel 56 advertisement: continuous

Advertising flu vaccine clinics in September; emails and Nichollsworth

Continual discussions with sister Universities about treatment/educational strategies

Health advocates programming in Residence Halls

Quarterly Safety Meetings: Addressing H1N1 flu issues

Collaboration with the Region III Office of Public Health and Hospitals regarding health education and flu prevention methods

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Custodial staff has been advised to increase their cleaning rotations of high traffic areas such as computer labs, writing labs, and University Health Services office areas.

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Currently working on a joint agreement between Louisiana Office of Public Health and Nicholls State University Health Services to become a H1N1 flu vaccination station for Nicholls State University students and employees only—per Dr. Guidry's letter of 8/23/09.

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