

# Public Safety Department *Security Advisory*

**May 4, 2009**

**Alert:**

*Critical/Major Event*

**Advisory:**

*Important Incident*

**Bulletin:**

*General Info.*



Minneapolis Community & Technical College is monitoring the recent identification of human cases of H1N1 novel influenza virus. Currently, one confirmed and eight probable cases of H1N1 novel influenza have been reported in Minnesota. State health officials are monitoring the situation closely and have increased disease surveillance. We are greatly concerned and ask your cooperation in preventing and reporting any cases that may affect the MCTC community. Human cases of H1N1 novel influenza virus have been identified in the United States and Internationally. Investigations are ongoing to determine the source of the infection and whether additional people have been infected with H1N1 novel influenza virus.

The outbreak of disease in people caused by a new influenza virus continues to grow in the United States and Internationally. Worldwide, laboratories now have confirmed 898 human cases of the new H1N1 novel influenza in 18 countries, according to the World Health Organization. H1N1 novel influenza has become widespread in the United States, with 226 cases in 30 states and more expected to turn up in additional states in the next few days, federal health officials said Sunday.

## **What You Can Do to Stay Healthy:**

### **There are everyday actions people can take to stay healthy.**

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

### **Try to avoid close contact with sick people.**

- Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- If you get sick, CDC recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

### **Educate yourself on the H1N1 novel influenza virus:**

- The best starting place is the [Center for Disease Control](http://www.cdc.gov). [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

MCTC will continue to monitor H1N1 novel influenza virus developments. The College is reviewing plans and processes to keep our community safe. If you have suggestions or concerns please contact [curt.schmidt@minneapolis.edu](mailto:curt.schmidt@minneapolis.edu) or call MCTC Public Safety at 612-659-6910

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