

Message to all UW Colleges and UW-Extension employees from Chancellor David Wilson

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Dear Colleagues:

I know the last few weeks have been stressful on all of us as we have watched Influenza A – H1N1 appear on the world scene and enter the state of Wisconsin. I know there are many questions, and although at this point no one entity has all the answers, I want to make you aware of several resources we have created to assist you with pertinent information.

Some of these resources may benefit you, your families, your work environment, and perhaps answer some questions you may have if the situation persists or worsens. I also want to remind you that it's always wise to check with a family doctor or other health professional if in doubt about specific symptoms or illness issues.

Websites for Easy Access to Information: We want to make sure you have a way to access up-to-date information regarding H1N1 flu now and in the future, so we have set up the following websites for our faculty, staff and students. I would strongly encourage you to visit the site appropriate to your workplace (see below), become familiar with the resources on it by exploring the links, and bookmark it.

Although right now we are posting these websites to convey general information, if conditions worsen we wanted you to have one easy place to access updates.

Because we have faculty, staff and students all over the state, it will be important for:

UW Colleges faculty, staff and students on campuses to go to their campus websites, where each home page has a “Flu” topic which links to a flu landing page with information, links to official sources of information such as the state government site <http://pandemic.wisconsin.gov> , and where any new updates related to the campus will be posted.

All other UW-Extension faculty and staff and UW Colleges staff should go to the uwex.uwc.edu website and in the upper right hand corner is a Flu Monitoring topic, which links to a [flu landing page](#) with information, links to official sources of information such as the state government site <http://pandemic.wisconsin.gov> , and where any new updates will be posted.

The state website is listing probable and confirmed cases by county. Some of the material on that site is also available in Spanish and Hmong. County health department websites might also be of interest, although we are not creating links to all 72 of those sites.

I would encourage you to memorize your campus URL or the joint URL (uwex.uwc.edu) because there could be an occasion in the future where you are away from your office computer and want to find out what is going on related to the workplace. The campus

websites and the uwex.uwc.edu website are where general information is now posted and where updates will be available in the future.

Posters for Your Use: On the [uwex.uwc.edu/flu website](http://uwex.uwc.edu/flu_website) you can also download posters on hand washing and coughing that you can print it out and post in any area where you think it would be a good reminder. Some of these were distributed last week and hopefully, you're already seeing them in your workplace.

Workload/Workplace Issues: The state of Wisconsin has also posted [Q&A for State Employees](#) that addresses many questions related to workload and workplace issues. This is also posted on the uwex.uwc.edu website. If the situation worsens in your community, please stay in close contact with your supervisor and/or unit leadership for instructions and/or guidance relating to workload/workplace issues.

If, after visiting the website appropriate to you and visiting some of the links, you still have questions or concerns, please let me know so we can try to address them.

Warm regards,

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