Dear DVC Parents;

    As you are well aware the **H1N1 Flu** is already beginning to spread at college campuses this fall. I am still glad to report that we have no confirmed cases of H1N1 at the Delaware Valley College campus. We have sent out a college- wide email about H1N1, in which we talk about gaining the cooperation of various areas of the college to help us combat the spread of H1N1 once it arrives. This email, dated September 10, 2009 can be seen on the college portal.

    **We are also asking for your help in this matter.** If you live within a reasonable driving distance and your son/daughter becomes ill with flu symptoms, we ask that you please come to campus and take him/her home to recover. Isolating students with H1N1 flu is the recommended way to best help prevent its further spread. If your son/daughter becomes ill with flu symptoms we will not allow them to attend classes, go to the dining hall, or attend any activities including participation in athletic events. Instead we will need to isolate them on campus either in designated ‘isolation areas’ or in their rooms. Rather than being isolated on campus, we think care at home would be much more beneficial for those who are ill.

    Picking up resident students should be coordinated with the Student Health Center, 215-489-2252 and Student Life, 215-489-2415. Also, please let the Student Health Center know if commuters are not coming to school because they have flu- like symptoms. Students should not return to school or leave school isolation until they have been free from fever (over 100F) for at least 24 hours without assistance of fever reducing medication.

    We look forward to your cooperation with this matter. Various departments on campus and faculty members will be as accommodating as possible to help students who have missed valuable class and lab time because of the flu.

    Finally we want you to know that DVC is registered with The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Health as a provider of H1N1 influenza vaccine. When this vaccine is provided to us (projected date in late October) we will be able to vaccinate our student body.

    If you have any questions please contact our Director of Health Services Judy Levien at 215-489-2252 and/or me at 215-489-2413. We also will continue to post further updates about H1N1 and DVC on the college portal.

    Sincerely,

    John D Brown
P.S. A valuable link for information on H1N1 can be found at www.cdc.gov