

Information for all students regarding swine flu

The University is committed to providing a normal operation for students throughout the current situation. We are continuing to monitor developments nationally and across the education sector and will respond appropriately to changes in the current situation on advice from national health agencies.

Our guidance is based on information provided by the National Health Service and Department of Health with the overall health and well-being of staff and students being of the utmost importance. The University is well prepared to manage the current situation and we are actively planning to ensure that the health risks to both students and staff are minimised.

We are also relying on students to review and act on the common sense advice available from the NHS and Department of Health and to take responsibility for your own health management and to minimise the potential for the spread of any infectious disease. **Thank you for your cooperation.**

The University will make updates available to staff and students through our webpage's at www.wlv.ac.uk/swineflu - please check these regularly if you have any concerns or queries.

Should I be attending lectures or coming onto campus if I suspect I have the flu?

Students experiencing flu-like symptoms should stay at home and not be attending lectures, seminars or using the on-campus facilities until advised by their GP or NHS Direct that it is safe to do so. Don't forget to advise your tutors in the usual way that you may be missing lectures due to illness.

I am a student living in University-operated Halls of Residence - what should I do if I suspect I have the flu?

You should immediately check your symptoms with NHS Direct (Symptom Checker) or call your own GP. If swine flu symptoms are confirmed (or confirmed as suspected) you should immediately contact the Residential Services Office. You can contact the main office at Lomas Street, City Campus, by telephone on 01902 321268 or by email to residences@wlv.ac.uk. Our staff will then advise the most appropriate course of action which may include temporarily isolating you from the rest of the resident population.

If you are living in privately run accommodation that is not operated by the University you should immediately contact the relevant Accommodation Management team or the Landlord for details of how to proceed.

I am a student currently on a placement - what should I do if I suspect I have the flu?

You should follow the advice of your placement provider to report an absence due to illness. You should not risk spreading any infection to others and should follow the advice to stay at home.

Students from the School of Health and Wellbeing undertaking a clinical practice placement should follow the normal procedures for notifying absence due to sickness. You must notify your Student Office at the University which you can do online at the `My Placements` page on e:Vision and follow the instructions to send a sickness/absence notification. Telephone contact information for the Student Offices is available here: <http://www.wlv.ac.uk/default.aspx?page=10872>