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Ramapo College of New Jersey officials are continuing to actively monitor the outbreak of H1N1 flu (Swine Flu) that has sickened people throughout the world.

There have been 10 cases of influenza like illness on campus. Five of the individuals have recovered and returned to classes. Currently there are only four community members with a recent diagnosis who remains at home.

The Federal government and the World Health Organization (WHO) have declared a public health emergency as a result of the H1N1 influenza. Ramapo College has had no confirmed cases on our campus. The first positive cases of H1N1 influenza in New Jersey were announced by state health officials on April 30, 2009.

The College's medical and environmental health staffs have been in communication with the New Jersey local and state public health officials and continue to respond to direction provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC.)

The American College Health Association is monitoring the status of Influenza Like Illness (ILI) in college students across the United States. As of November 6, 2009, participating schools have reported 8,951 new cases of ILI among college populations which total over 3.1 million people. Ninety-eight percent of the 265 colleges and universities reported new ILI cases, compared to 97% reporting new cases the prior week. The nationwide rate was 29.0 cases per 10,000 students, 1% higher than the prior week's rate.

Consistent with CDC reports, the flu is widespread nationally on college campus and fluctuation in disease activity varies significantly both on local and regional levels. No deaths were reported among the reporting institutions for the period of October 31 through November 6, 2009.

This website will provide up to date information about H1N1 influenza and describes the College's preparedness efforts and responses to this evolving public health incident. We will continue to update this information to reflect new developments affecting our community.

The College will continue to update members of our community with pertinent information about H1N1 influenza as needed.

Questions and Answers <http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu/qa.htm>

Influenza Self Care Fact Sheet <http://cdc.gov/h1n1flu/sick.htm>

Seasonal Flu <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/factsheets/fs211/en/index.html>

H1N1 Flu Information from NJ Department of Health <http://www.state.nj.us/health/er/h1n1/>

American College Health Association ILI Project http://www.acha.org/ILI_Surveillance.cfm