

Wilkes H1N1 Flu Clinics Announced

The University has received its allocation of the H1N1 flu vaccine (injectable). The University has scheduled three H1N1 flu vaccination clinics to be held at the Marts Center (second floor) at the following times:

Friday, October 30 from noon until 3:00 PM
Monday, November 2 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM
Tuesday, November 3 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM

The vaccine is available only to students and at-risk staff and faculty (pregnant employees, healthcare providers, staff/faculty with chronic health conditions such as asthma, heart disease or a weakened immune system). If flu vaccine is still available after the clinic on November 3, arrangements will be made to provide the vaccine to Wilkes employees who are outside of the at-risk categories. Dates and times for any additional clinics will be posted on Wilkes Today.

Attached to this email is the paperwork that must be read and completed prior to receiving any vaccine. Please arrive at the Marts Center with your **Wilkes ID** and the paperwork completed.

As of October 28, three confirmed student cases of the H1N1 virus have been confirmed at Wilkes. All of the students have recuperated at home without event. Due to the high volume of flu-like cases throughout the Northeast, health care facilities are no longer routinely screening for the virus; therefore, there may be additional cases among our university community.

Anyone presenting symptoms of H1N1 at the University's Health and Wellness Services will be encouraged to follow the recommended treatment protocol for the virus. We continue to ask students, staff, and faculty to be vigilant about covering their mouths when coughing or sneezing and washing hands frequently with soap and warm water or utilize the hand sanitizers located throughout campus. If students and staff are experiencing influenza-like symptoms, we ask that they self-isolate and stay away from campus for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

For more information about the H1N1 virus please refer visit <http://wilkes.edu/pages/3338.asp>

Any questions may be directed to the Health and Wellness Services Office at 408-4730.

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