

Announcement to Parents from Maryellen Gilroy  
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Dear Parents,

While the World Health Organization (WHO) has raised the level of pandemic awareness from a 4 to a 5, Siena College is operating under normal conditions.

In the U.S. there are 91 reported cases and one death due to swine influenza A/H1N1 infection. There are a few suspected cases of swine flu in the Capital Region. Siena College continues to monitor the situation and is following its Pandemic Influenza Response Plan and taking direction from the appropriate community agencies, including the New York State Department of Health and federal and local emergency agencies. We are cooperating with county public health offices to comply with all guidance and recommendations. For details, please visit the emergency information Web page, [http://www.siena.edu/level2col.aspx?menu\\_id=566&id=15403](http://www.siena.edu/level2col.aspx?menu_id=566&id=15403). From the home page of [siena.edu](http://www.siena.edu), click on the red button, "Emergency Info."

The health and safety of our students is our primary concern. We have advised the students to monitor their health and, if they experience flu-like symptoms, to call Health Services at 518-783-2554. If they should miss class or activities due to illness, they should report the absence to their Residence Director or to Health Services.

**How can you help?** Talk with your student about their plans for packing and moving their belongings quickly should there be a change in your student's end-of-year plans. Again, at this time, the College is operating under normal conditions.

Siena's top priority is our students. For the most up-to-date information on the College's emergency response, [http://www.siena.edu/level2col.aspx?menu\\_id=566&id=15403](http://www.siena.edu/level2col.aspx?menu_id=566&id=15403) or call 518-783-2345.

Sincerely,

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