

Announcement to Faculty from Linda Richardson
As of 3:01 PM on 4/30/09

Dear Faculty Members,

We are currently operating under **normal** conditions per the academic calendar.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has raised the level of pandemic awareness from a 4 to a 5 -- 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 guidance and recommendations. For details, please visit the emergency information Web page, 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."

Below please find a summary of what Siena is advising:

1. If it is necessary to revise and/or cancel the current final exam schedule, further detailed information will be provided.
2. **Please read the four bullets below to students in all of your classes:**
 - a. **All end of semester activities are still on schedule.**
 - b. **The College is monitoring the swine flu situation.**
 - c. **If you have any personal health issues, please contact Health Services or your private healthcare provider.**
 - d. **Students are encouraged to develop their own personal plans for end of the semester exit from the campus in case they need to move more quickly than normal.**
3. Monitor your e-mail regularly for announcements and the emergency information Web page for updates.
4. Review the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control for good health habits, http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/habits.htm?s_cid+swineFlu_outbreak_003, and monitor your health for flu-like symptoms.

5. Call your primary care physician if you experience fever of 100°F plus cough or sore throat **OR** recent onset of at least two of the following:
 - nasal congestion
 - sore throat
 - cough
 - fever or feverishSome people with swine flu also have reported runny nose, sore throat, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea
6. Report your absence from classes or campus activities, as well as student absences, to your School office as this will assist us in our ongoing evaluation.

Siena's priority is to ensure the health and safety of our faculty and students. For the most up-to-date information, visit http://www.siena.edu/level2col.aspx?menu_id=566&id=15403. If you have questions feel free to contact me (richardson@siena.edu) or Joe Fitzgerald (jfitzgerald@siena.edu) at 783-2307.

Sincerely,

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