

SPAIN

- **What precautions are local governments taking to prevent the spread of H1N1, and what do they require of students who land on site?**

The Spanish government is advising prevention as the best precaution against H1N1 (through proper hygiene, hand-washing, and use of health care professionals.) The Spanish National Healthcare System is prepared to handle an outbreak of H1N1 if it does occur. Overall the Spanish government believes there is no evidence that strict measures have a higher effectiveness in containing infections like flu. An English-language brochure is available here:

http://www.informaciongripea.es/descargas/folleto/folleto_ingles_baja.pdf

The Spanish Health Ministers advise their people not to panic at the first symptoms because they are similar to seasonal flu symptoms that they are always vulnerable to. The advice is for anyone (especially people with existing health complications who are more at risk than the general public) experiencing a fever, cough, or general sick feelings to call their health care provider and explain their symptoms. Following the advice of health care professionals, the infected person should stay at home until they are fully recovered, drink plenty of fluids, and take fever reducing medication and pain killers. The Spanish government has purchased enough vaccinations for the H1N1 virus for 18 million people. The supply will cover the anticipated amount of high-risk candidates in the Spanish population. Children, the elderly, and patients with existing high-risk conditions will be treated with the vaccinations first. International visitors will not be a priority to be vaccinated in the event a major outbreak occurs.

- **How will CET respond if an outbreak that involves our students takes place at our host campuses?**

CET students in Avila have been notified to contact a doctor by phone immediately to seek advice if they suspect they have a case of H1N1.

If a CET student becomes infected with the virus, he or she will be directed to the nearest hospital and not allowed to attend class until they are cleared by medical personnel as “not contagious” (typically, one week later). Additionally, CET will require infected students to move to either a hospital or hotel (at their own expense) to recover. In the mean time, the student’s dorm room will be professionally cleaned to help reduce the possibility of the illness spreading to other students in the dormitory. Note that if a student is infected with H1N1 and not allowed to attend class, their absences will be excused.

- **How will we communicate with students, schools, and parents if groups of our students are quarantined?**

Our on-site staff will report any suspected H1N1 cases to the CET DC office immediately. If any student/staff/faculty is diagnosed with H1N1 (if not required and orchestrated by the local government), we will require them to quarantine themselves and the DC office staff will contact all home institutions of all students participating on the program to inform them of the outbreak and explain next steps. We will also send an email to all program students and their emergency contacts (usually parents) updating them on the situation.

When applicable, we will provide contact numbers and addresses of quarantine facilities to students’ parents and home institutions. We will do our best to insure students have the ability to contact parents and CET staff when under quarantine. In addition, we will

encourage all students on the program to contact their emergency contacts (usually parents) directly to address any concerns.