

CHINA

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

According to the US Embassy in China: "In May 2009, China implemented a policy that allows it to quarantine arriving passengers who exhibit fever or flu-like symptoms if they are arriving from a country which has cases of 2009-H1N1, including the U.S. Although the overall percentage of Americans being quarantined remains low, the seemingly random nature of the selection process makes it almost impossible to predict when a traveler may be placed into quarantine. Travelers with even a slightly elevated body temperature risk being placed into hospital quarantine, while passengers sitting in close proximity to another traveler with fever or flu-like symptoms may be taken to a specially-designated hotel for a quarantine of approximately seven days, even if they show no symptoms themselves." As is noted in the Embassy's announcement, the US Embassy has no power to intervene in Chinese decisions related to quarantines or other precautions. The entire announcement can be viewed through this link: http://travel.state.gov/travel/tips/health/health_1181.html

In addition, please note the following:

- Over the summer months, most passengers arriving in China were evaluated on the plane before deboarding to see if they had an elevated temperature. This usually involved a scanning device which was pointed at the passenger and gave a temperature reading. When they were going through customs, they were required to walk through a scanning machine to see if they had a temperature. Recently, we have heard reports that these measures have been relaxed somewhat. However, we do not have confirmation that the Chinese government has changed its approach.
 - Additionally, over the summer months the Chinese CDC kept records of all arriving passengers and required that our RDs keep tabs on them, reporting each student's body temperature daily and informing the CDC immediately if any student had a fever.
 - In one case in June, the CDC came to campus and collected a student who had sat within 3 rows of a passenger with H1N1 and that student was put into quarantine for 7 days.
 - China's State Food and Drug Administration, on September 3rd, approved a single-dose H1N1 vaccine by Sinovac, which completed testing last month. This was the first vaccine approved by the Chinese government and is set to be followed by one other in the coming weeks. There are another four vaccines being reviewed, according to the Food and Drug Administration. China is making plans to stockpile these vaccines as soon as possible in the hopes to prevent the spread of H1N1 through the Chinese population.
- **How will CET respond if an outbreak that involves our students takes place at our host campuses?**

Should an outbreak happen on one of our campuses, we would work with local health officials to quarantine students and staff (either at that location or at another facility arranged by the Chinese CDC in that city). This could range from just limiting students' movement to actually housing them in a quarantine facility for up to 7 days. Note that if a student is infected with H1N1 and not allowed to attend class, their absences will be excused.

- We would be in contact with all affected students, the DC office, university officials and parents as much as possible. Over the past few months of experience with quarantines in China, and based on two students' experiences in June, we can say with confidence that conditions at quarantine facilities are relatively comfortable and convenient. Students were able to contact CET staff and their parents via phone and internet. We would try to guarantee that students would have some way to contact staff and family in the US, either through a landline, internet connection or cell phone.
- We would, of course, be in contact as well with the host university, the Chinese CDC office and the US Embassy/Consulate in that area for updates.

- As of September 15, one of our host universities, the Harbin Institute of Technology in Harbin, has instituted a policy restricting the entry of non-university affiliated personnel into the campus. Students have been asked to take precautions and limit their trips off-campus.
- **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.