

Of particular concern is Mexico, the epicenter of the H1N1 influenza outbreak. Six Augsburg students are currently studying with the Center for Global Education in Cuernavaca, Mexico, along with 17 students from other colleges and universities. The students are living at the CGE center and are able to continue their studies with minimal disruption. Only 4 cases of H1N1 have been identified in the state of Morelos with no confirmed cases in the city of Cuernavaca. The current semester program in Mexico will be completed as planned, unless the situation changes.

Some other programs have discontinued, with students returning to the U.S. early. These decisions have been made based on a variety of factors including the student living arrangements (e.g. home stay, hotels, etc), the number of students in the program, and the types of learning experiences offered (e.g. frequent new locations, public venues, etc. that may have high exposure risk or venues that have been closed). Our judgment is that because of their living and program arrangements, CGE students are safe and able to continue the program to its conclusion in mid-May. Also, remaining on location in Cuernavaca may present less risk than moving through the Mexico City airport at this time.

We are also monitoring the country destinations of summer programs to China, Egypt, Guatemala, Italy, Mexico, Namibia, New Zealand, and Nicaragua. Cases of H1N1 have been confirmed in New Zealand with a suspected case in Italy. We will continue to monitor the information sources identified above and remain in contact with our program providers on the ground regarding the situation in destination countries, in order to make prudent decisions. We will not hesitate to reroute or cancel programs as needed related to the safety of students, faculty, and staff on Augsburg programs abroad.

Please contact one of the following persons if you have questions or need additional information:

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## Swine Flu and Augsburg College

SUBMITTED BY **JOHN PACK, DIRECTOR, PUBLIC SAFETY**

As you are likely aware, a swine flu outbreak has emerged in several areas of the United States and other countries. According to the Minnesota Department of Health, there are currently no reported cases of swine flu in Minnesota. The MDH is NOT recommending any changes in operation at Minnesota schools, including Colleges and Universities.

The Center for Disease Control web site is regularly updated with the most current information on swine flu. [http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/?s\\_cid=swineFlu\\_outbreak\\_001](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/?s_cid=swineFlu_outbreak_001)

The MDH and CDC encourage the following everyday actions to prevent the spread of all viruses, including swine flu:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people. Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people.
- If you are ill, contact your own health care provider as you would normally.

The college is monitoring the current situation, particularly as it impacts out international operations, and will notify you of any changes that impact the college. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this or other Public Safety issues, please contact John Pack, Director of Public Safety, 612-330-1644 or [pack@augsborg.edu](mailto:pack@augsborg.edu).

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## Teaching and Learning

### WEC Advising Days -- Get Ready for Fall

SUBMITTED BY **JESSICA FOX-WILSON, AUGSBURG FOR ADULTS COORDINATOR, AUGSBURG FOR ADULTS**

Since Fall trimester registration will open on May 26, 2009, the Augsburg for Adults office is holding a WEC Advising Day to help you get ready for fall.

Faculty advisors from your major will be available at the following dates and times for drop-in advising:

Friday, May 15, 2009

4:30-6:30 PM

Christensen Center Lobby

All Business majors, Education (in their Sverdrup offices), and Psychology

Saturday, May 16, 2009

11:30-2:00 PM

Christensen Center Lobby

All Business majors, Communication, Education (in their Sverdrup Offices), and Psychology

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## General Announcements

### All Hands Meeting

SUBMITTED BY **BARBARA GASER, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT, OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

Faculty and staff are invited to attend an All Hands Meeting on Thursday, May 7, 10:30-11:30 a.m. in the Hoversten Chapel.

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### Augsburg Dining End of Semester Hours

SUBMITTED BY **JAY CROSS, MANAGER, AMANDS**

Commons: Last Meal is Friday Lunch.

Murphys: Closed Friday

Coopers: Open Friday until 5 p.m.

Nabo: Open Friday until 4 p.m.