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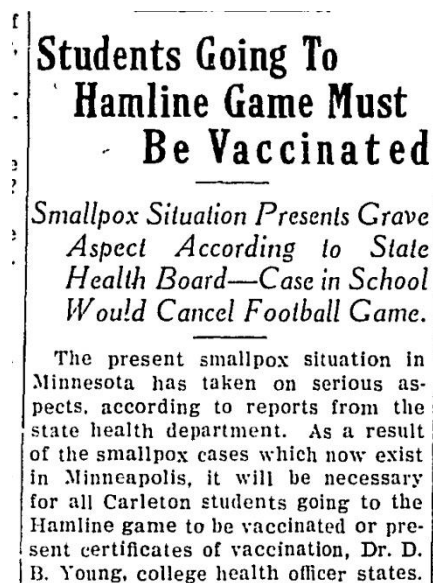
## Historical Pandemics at Carleton: H1N1

By Elizabeth Budd

### Introduction

While our current pandemic is inarguably among the worst in Carleton history, Carleton has dealt with disease outbreaks and pandemics in the past.

Many comparisons have been drawn to the 1918 influenza pandemic, and the Carletonian [wrote an excellent article examining the campus experience of that pandemic during the 1918-1919 school year](#).



**Students Going To  
Hamline Game Must  
Be Vaccinated**

*Smallpox Situation Presents Grave Aspect According to State Health Board—Case in School Would Cancel Football Game.*

The present smallpox situation in Minnesota has taken on serious aspects, according to reports from the state health department. As a result of the smallpox cases which now exist in Minneapolis, it will be necessary for all Carleton students going to the Hamline game to be vaccinated or present certificates of vaccination, Dr. D. B. Young, college health officer states.

Disease outbreaks over the years have prompted a number of responses. For instance, during the 1924-1925 smallpox epidemic in Minnesota, students were encouraged to be inoculated, and any students attending the football against Hamline University November 8, 1924 in St. Paul were required to be vaccinated in order to go. Students returning from an off-campus study program in China in spring 2003 were quarantined in a house near campus during the SARS outbreak.

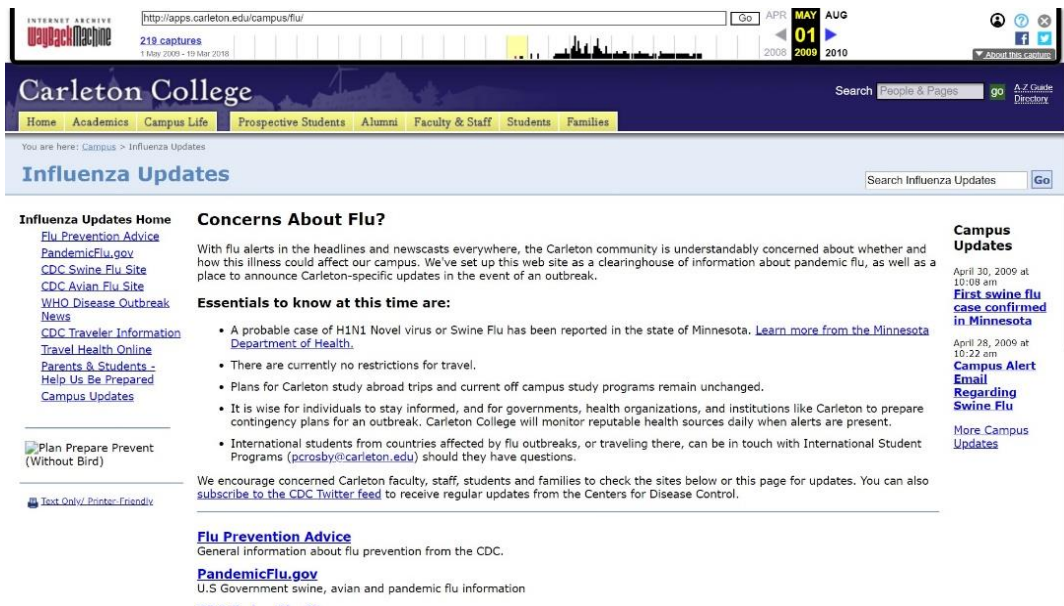
The H1N1 pandemic in 2009 is another instance in Carleton's history of preparing for and monitoring a disease outbreak. Emerging during spring 2009, by following year the virus was considered under control and the World Health Organization declared the pandemic over on August 11, 2010 (CDC, 2009 H1N1 Pandemic).

*Students Going to Hamline Game  
Must Be Vaccinated: The  
Carletonian, November 5, 1924*

### Immediate Response

While the CDC and other health departments had been monitoring the situation and running tests, the first report of the new virus in the English-language press occurred on April 21, 2009 (CDC 2009 H1N1 Pandemic Timeline). By April 29, the WHO raised the alert level for the virus to level five, which means that human-to-human spread is occurring in at least two countries, and a pandemic is imminent (WHO Pandemic Alert).

At this time, Carleton either created or updated its "Influenza Updates" page. Live by May 1, 2009, the site contained links to more information about H1N1 from authoritative health organizations, assurance that Carleton was monitoring the situation, and updates on the impact on travel (at that time, there were none).

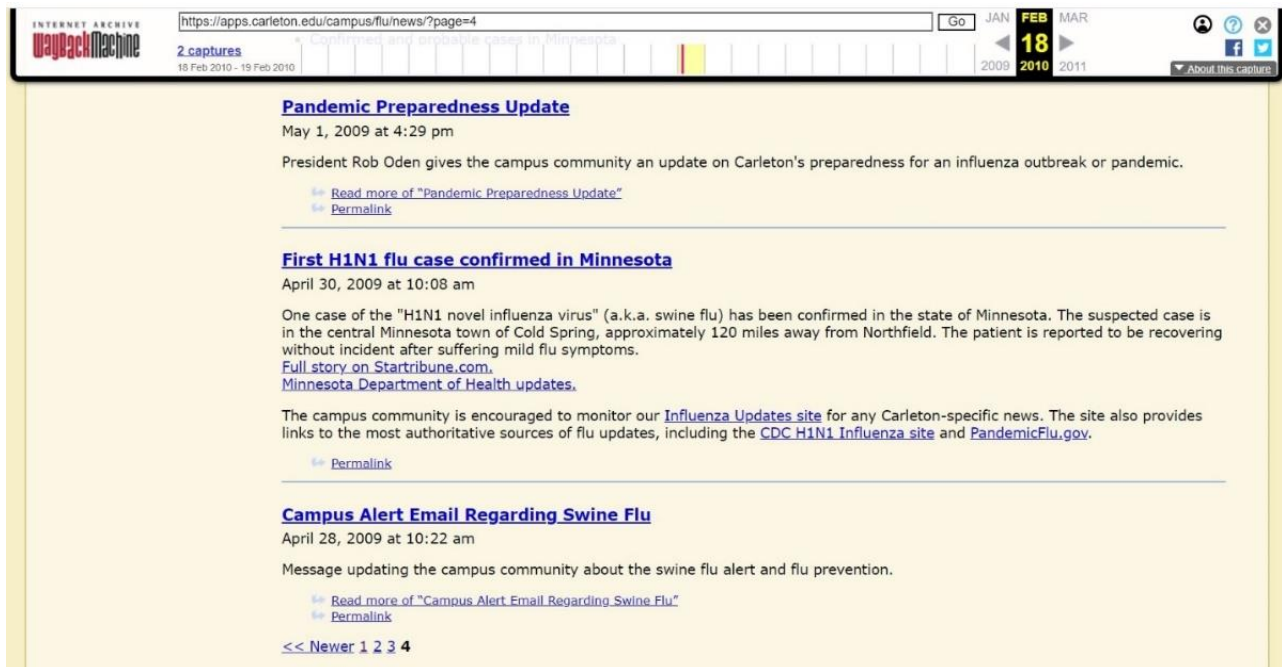


The administration also took more active steps to inform the campus community about the situation. Carleton students received an email from the dean of students on April 28 about the virus and further communication

*Influenza Updates – May 1, 2009*

from President Robert Oden on May 1, as shown on the "Campus News" section of the Influenza Updates page.

(Unfortunately, I have been unable to find any archived versions of those emails themselves)



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## EDITORIAL

# Swine Flu outbreak requires diligence

Over the weekend, several cases of the Swine Flu emerged in Mexico. Since that time, over a hundred have died in that country, while in the U.S. more and more cases are being reported. In Minnesota this past week, the first confirmed case of the Flu was reported, and more are expected.

Despite the rapid nature of this outbreak, authorities have stressed that there is no need for panic. Authorities in America have stressed that they are confident that the outbreak can be contained.

On Tuesday, Dean of Students Hudlin Wagner sent out an all-campus e-mail detailing the rising concern of the outbreak and what can be done. In U.S. cases, the Swine Flu has not appeared much worse than the typical season flu, and as such, simple measures can, and should, be taken to protect one's health.

The close-contact nature of college campuses make places like Carleton easy targets for diseases or viruses to spread from person to person. And, while it is likely that many parents of Carleton students have communicated with their son or daughter similar advice, *The Carletonian* will now go over simple health advice that one can use to try and stay healthy:

"Most healthy people recover from the flu without complications. **If you get the flu:**

Stay home from work or school.

Get lots of rest, drink plenty of liquids, and avoid using alcohol and tobacco.

There are over-the-counter (OTC) medications to relieve the symptoms of the flu.

Remember that serious illness from the flu is more likely in certain groups of people including people 65 and older, pregnant women, people with certain chronic medical conditions and young children.

Consult your doctor early on for the best treatment, but also be aware of emergency warning signs that require urgent medical attention.

### **Emergency Warning Signs:**

Seek emergency medical care if you or someone you know is having any of following warning signs discussed below.

- \*Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- \*Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- \*Sudden dizziness
- \*Confusion
- \*Severe or persistent vomiting

### **What You Can Do to Stay Healthy:**

There are everyday actions people can take to stay healthy.

\* Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.

\* Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.

\* Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

*The editorial represents the views of The Carletonian Editor*

On May 1, the first discussion of H1N1 appeared in the *Carletonian*, in the form of an editorial. The article briefly discusses the still-emerging virus, and provides advice to prevent its spread: washing hands, covering coughs and sneezing, and staying home when symptomatic.

*Swine Flu outbreak requires diligence, The Carletonian, May 1, 2009*



## Spring Preparation

Preparation for the arrival of H1N1 at Carleton began in spring term. The Carletonian reported on May 8<sup>th</sup> that the College's Pandemic Response Team had been meeting daily to assess the situation and create plans for Carleton. The article notes that college campuses, especially residential colleges, are prime locations for disease outbreaks given the high density of people living and working together and the difficulty for sick people to truly separate themselves.

May 8, 2009

# Carleton prepares in case of H1N1 outbreak

BY SHREYA SINGH  
STAFF WRITER

The Swine Flu outbreak has been the cause of concern for many in the recent days. Swine Flu, or the H1N1 Influenza A, as it is being called to avoid the misunderstanding among the public that it spreads from pork meat, has confirmedly spread to 24 countries and is suspected to be present in another 20 countries. In the United States, it has been laboratory-confirmed in roughly 830 people and has caused two deaths to date.

The virus is thought to have emerged in Mexico and the evidence increasingly points the origin of the virus to a US-owned industrial pig farm in the Mexican state of Veracruz. The novel virus is thought to be an assortment of four strains of the H1N1 Influenza A virus subtype with one strain derived partly from a North American flu virus. An analysis done by the Center of Disease Control and Prevention shows that the four component strains are a combination of one endemic in humans, one endemic in birds, and two endemics in pigs (swine) but this is still being debated among scientists.

The outbreak has reached Phase 5 which is one below the official Pandemic level. Newspapers and other media are full from reports and updates about the virus and most are coupled with photos of people wearing masks. Five cases of the Swine Flu have been detected in Minnesota. Governor Tim Pawlenty stated, "State and local pub-

*Carleton prepares in case of H1N1 outbreak, The Carletonian, May 8, 2009, p.1*

## H1N1 FROM A1

has already frightened several Carleton students; many Carls could be heard in the past few days talking about cases of the flu in America or Mexico, where the H1N1 flu has proved fatal for 42 Mexicans already.

Carleton's administration responded very quickly to the H1N1 outbreak. By April 28—a day prior to a Cold Spring, Minnesota resident testing positive for H1N1—Dean of Students Hudlin Wagner sent out a mail to Students, Faculty and Staff explaining that the Acting Health and Human Services Secretary had declared a Public Health Emergency nationwide. She also stressed an action plan for people falling ill and relayed that there was a normal flu doing rounds on the campus which should not become the cause of much anxiety. She also described the emergency signals to look out for if a person with the flu becomes seriously ill.

This was followed by President Rob Oden's mail on the May 1 about the update on Carleton's Pandemic Preparedness. Carleton has also set up a update plan on their webpage on the flu at <http://apps.carleton.edu/campus/flu/>. Additionally, no off-campus studies programs have been changed as of now because of the flu.

Natalee Johnson, Advanced Certified Practice Nurse at the Wellness Center, stressed the fact that students becoming

sick with flu-like symptoms should rest properly and make sure they do not go to classes and infect the rest of the student body. According to Johnson, the fact that the H1N1 virus is a novel virus is very serious because we do not know if the virus will evolve into something worse. "We have to be very careful and watch it properly," said Johnson. She also stated that the attitude of the state in regard to the flu virus had changed in that while previously the state was asking schools to close, now it is asking them to stay open and anyone with a severe flu is being asked to go into voluntary isolation.

President Oden stressed the same point when he was asked about the college's plan for action if the H1N1 stepped up from its current Phase 5 status to Phase 6 Pandemic status. He said that while the College's Pandemic Response Team has been meeting daily, their plan of action was changing because of the current information on the H1N1 virus which indicated that the epidemic appeared to be quite mild and not spreading rapidly. Oden also said that the team is still contemplating a wide spectrum of responses should the H1N1 flu become more serious. These measures also include longer-term planning, for instance, if the flu returned in the fall in a more virulent state.

*Carleton prepares in case of H1N1 outbreak, The Carletonian, May 8, 2009, p.3*

# SWArticle

## ***H1N1: What you should know***

The H1N1 virus, commonly known as the swine flu, is a new virus in humans. It is a quadruple reassortant virus, having genes from pigs, birds, and humans.

Currently, the H1N1 virus is being treated like an outbreak of any other seasonal flu. The recommendation of antiviral medications is used to treat severe influenza-like illnesses.

It is unknown at this time whether certain groups of people are more susceptible for serious flu-related complications with the new virus. For seasonal flu these groups tend to be adults 65 years of age or older, and children younger than 5 years old. That said, everyone should take preventative measures. The CDC is conducting laboratory studies to see if certain people may have natural immunity to the virus, depending on their age.

People experiencing influenza like illness (ILI) symptoms including fever, congestions, sore throat, headache, and other flu related symptoms should try to stay isolated. If you are experiencing these symptoms please call The Wellness Center (x4080). If you have a mask, especially if

you are coughing, you should wear it when visiting The Wellness Center, otherwise cover your cough or sneeze. You will be given a mask upon arrival. This is to ensure the protection of persons you come in contact with.

The best prevent is to wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective. Other preventative measures would be to avoid close contact (within 6-7 feet) with possibly infected persons.

There have only been 3 deaths in the U.S. from H1N1 as of May 11.

For your own safety and the safety around we encourage you to get informed and protect your health by washing your hands frequently.

For more information please visit:  
<http://apps.carleton.edu/campus/flu/> or ask your SWA.

-DeeDee Rupert

The next week, the SWA column in the paper (Student Wellness Advocates) provided information on the virus, the risks and symptoms, and common prevention techniques. Thirteen students had already reported to be ill with flu-like symptoms, suspected to be H1N1.



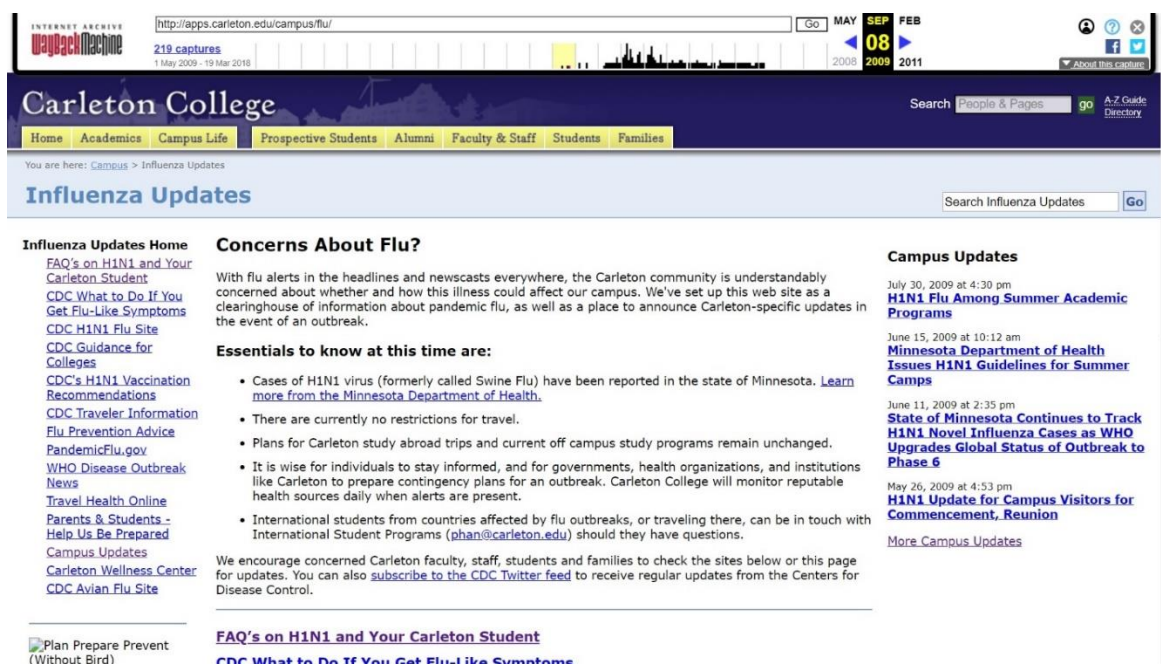
## Fall Term Response



Carleton College homepage – September 7, 2009

The preparation for H1N1 continued into fall term 2009. Sometime between August 28 and September 7, a link to the Influenza Updates was placed on the college's homepage. The Influenza Updates page had also continued to be

updated over the summer with more information, and updates from the summer, such as the outbreak at a campus summer program.



Influenza Updates – September 8, 2009

# Preparation for H1N1 underway

By NICHOLAS BELLOS  
STAFF WRITER

Carleton officials are working on an H1N1 prevention response plan, amid thirteen reported flu cases on campus that were likely caused by the pandemic strain. H1N1 contributed to the death of a Cornell University student last week, but most symptoms remain mild.

Pandemic flu is especially troublesome on college campuses due to their high-density living arrangements, the weekend social scene and shared dining, bathing and learning spaces.

The Minnesota Department of Health predicts a 30 to 50 percent infection rate for the entire state.

"With pandemics, the only thing that's certain is uncertainty," said Natalee Johnson, Coordinator of Medical Services in the Wellness Center.

The thirteen suspected cases of H1N1 are not the first for Carleton this year. Johnson said a July flu outbreak during Carleton's summer writing program was likely H1N1.

Johnson has been the point person in the Wellness Center on H1N1 and led the SWA training sessions about the flu this summer. She has also been in touch with St. Olaf's medical center, which has had a comparable number of sick students.

"[H1N1] has been taken very seriously," she added.

Carleton is waiting to hear from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention to when H1N1 vaccines will arrive. Johnson urges students to participate in "community mitigation" efforts. These include frequently washing hands, coughing and sneezing into your sleeve and most importantly, to stay in your room if feeling flu symptoms.

SWAs and Resident Assistants have been trained to identify the key symptoms of H1N1, like high fever (over 100 degrees), sore throat, runny nose and aches, and have been given prevention kits that include thermometers and hand sanitizers for their residence halls. They stress healthy habits as the best way to prevent getting sick, though.

"[We are] emphasizing cleanliness," said H1N1 ♦ A3

This continued preparation was also discussed in the Carletonian. An article in the September 25<sup>th</sup> issue of the Carletonian describes the ongoing efforts, emphasizing cleaning and community mitigation techniques.

## H1N1 FROM A1

Annie Mark '12, a SWA in Burton, who encouraged students to wash their hands after sneezing and before they eat.

But, healthy habits can be difficult for college students, especially when the weekend rolls around.

"Don't share drinks, don't share cups," Mark continued.

"Especially at parties, really try, if you get a red cup, to not share it with other people. Try to cut down on swapping of spit."

Johnson admits that preventive measures can only do so much. Influenza usually lasts for one week, but is still a highly contagious illness, which has raised concerns about the roommates of sick students.

According to Director of Residential Life Steve Wisener, the College has 40 vacant rooms available this term for medical purposes.

"We are offering the move to the healthy roommate if they would like that option," Wisener said in an e-mail earlier this week.

Students who live within 250

miles are encouraged to return home where they can receive better care.

In a campus-wide e-mail sent last week, Dean of Students Hudlin Wagner announced the steps students with influenza-like symptoms should take,

Wellness Center, the Dean of Students office and Res Life.

The Dean notifies faculty if a student will miss classes and the student's Hall Director notifies RAs that their resident is sick.

Martha Pass, an economics professor said that faculty are

enough students begin to fall ill and miss class.

As far as dorm life is concerned, Wisener said that RAs and Hall Directors occasionally check up on sick students and also help them get some meals while they are recovering in their

students have little reason to worry if they do get ill, it hasn't been made clear what medical resources and other types of care are available to students living off campus.

The response plan, which Carleton's Pandemic Preparedness Committee created, is by no means a finished product, and is constantly improving.

In the upcoming days the Wellness Center hopes to bring the same triage online for easier accessibility.

Despite the national news headlines about the Swine Flu, the Wellness Center expressed little concern that H1N1 would threaten to close school.

- STEVE WISENER  
DIRECTOR OF RESIDENTIAL LIFE

starting with a call to the Wellness Center (x40859) for a phone triage, which will offer medical information and support.

If the student is found to have an influenza-like illness, he or she then fills out a flu report form.

According to Wisener, the information is sent to the

understanding of students who miss class with the flu, but that few professors worry that H1N1 will be a huge issue.

"A lot of us think it is good to be prepared," she said, "but, so far at least, I don't think we have a problem."

She mentioned that professors are willing to record their lectures and post them online if

room.

"The RAs are there for support and to check in on students, but not to be their caretaker," Wisener said.

"Students are ultimately responsible for taking care of these needs."

While 98 to 99 percent of people who come down with H1N1 have mild flu symptoms, and

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*Preparation for H1N1 underway, The Carletonian, September 25, 2009, p.3*

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### Teaching & Learning in Flu Season

Because influenza guidelines require ill students to isolate themselves and stay out of class, faculty are encouraged to make use of technology to help students keep up with their course work.

#### Podcasts

**For faculty: Making podcasts at Carleton**

We now have a new, easy-to-use solution for faculty to capture audio, video and on-screen materials (e.g., PowerPoint presentations) and put them up on the web for their students. All you need is a Mac computer and a microphone or video camera. The computers and software are already located in many classrooms across campus, and the microphones and video cameras are readily available at PEPS in Laird 14.

[Instructions for making podcasts.](#)

If you have questions or problems, please contact any of the Academic Technologists.

**For students: Viewing podcasts made at Carleton**

To find and view a professor's podcasts, follow these instructions:

Type "<https://podcast.carleton.edu/>" into your browser's address bar and hit the "return" key.



This will take you to the Welcome page for Carleton Podcasts, as shown below:

### *Teaching & Learning in Flu Season*

Encouraging those who were sick to stay home led to the next logical question – how could students keep up with classwork? One suggestion for this involved the use of technology – podcasts, specifically. A page on the flu informational site provided information on using podcasts in teaching to facilitate distance learning for sick students.

### **Monitoring**

In addition to the preparation, monitoring of the situation continued throughout fall term. Members of the campus community, including students, faculty, and staff were also asked to complete a reporting form for suspected cases of H1N1. In addition, students, staff, and faculty received weekly updates on the situation at Carleton throughout fall 2009, including the new number of on-campus cases reporting flu-like symptoms.

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### Campus Updates

Archive of news updates about influenza outbreaks and any impact on the Carleton community.

#### Weekly H1N1 Updates-Students

November 23, 2009 at 11:02 am

This will serve as our final H1N1 update of the fall term.

As you may have noticed, the numbers of students with H1N1 has dropped off dramatically, but we still do have students reporting Influenza-Like Illnesses (ILI) on campus, and we want you to be vigilant during this time of travel away from campus. The CDC recommends the following when travelling:

- Traveling only when they are feeling well
- Getting vaccinated for flu (both seasonal flu and 2009 H1N1 if they are in a priority group)
- Washing hands often
- Covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue or sleeve

If you do take ill before you your planned departure from campus, please alert your resident assistant or hall director immediately. The College has contingency plans in place to support students that may fall ill prior to travelling.

In terms of the H1N1 vaccination, of course the College was hopeful it would have received doses for all students by this time, but that's not the case. We are urging every student to be vaccinated during the break. This will protect you against future outbreaks, which the CDC fully anticipates.

If you have underlying medical conditions, we urge you to work with your health-care provider or clinic to receive the Pneumococcal vaccination as well. *If you have questions about whether or not you should receive this, again work with your local health care provider or clinic.*

As always, visit our website at <http://go.carleton.edu/flu> for more information, resources and updates.

Hudlin Wagner, Vice President for Student Development and Dean of Students  
 On behalf of the Pandemic Flu Preparedness Team

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### Flu Reporting Forms

Please report your illness via our online forms to help us track the spread of flu at Carleton.

#### Not sure if it's flu?

**Only suspected H1N1 cases should be reported on these forms.** Not every illness contracted during flu season will be H1N1. If in doubt, check our [self-triage page](#) which will walk you through the symptoms of flu vs. other illnesses. The criteria for suspect or probable H1N1 is a temperature of 100 or greater and either a cough or a sore throat.

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### Flu Reporting Form

## — SECURITY BLOTTER —

### **Friday, October 9**

- 4:15 p. m. , Security transported a student who had a stomach ache to the Urgent Care clinic.

### **Saturday, October 10**

- 11:40 p. m. , several students and visitors were discovered smoking marijuana in a dorm room.
- 11:45 p. m. , Security transported a student who had an unspecified condition to Northfield Hospital.

### **Saturday, October 11**

- 12:15 a. m. , a student and intoxicated visitor were found in an academic building. The visitor was escorted, with great fear and trepidation, to an awaiting parent.
- 12:35 a. m. , student, who had interfered with Security officers during an incident, was cited for disorderly conduct by Northfield Police for refusing to comply with the police officer's directives.
- 2:00 a. m. , an intoxicated student was transported by ambulance to Northfield Hospital, and was cited by police for underage consumption.
- 10:40 a. m. , Security transported a student who had injured his neck while dancing to Northfield Hospital.
- 1:00 p. m. , Security transported a student who had flu-like symptoms to Northfield Hospital.
- 4:55 p. m. , a fire alarm was reported at Severance Hall. Burned food in a lounge was the cause. No fire.

### **Monday, October 12**

- 10:40 a. m. , minor vandalism was reported at the Burton Dining Hall.
- 8:35 p. m. , Security transported a student who had an unspecified condition to Northfield Hospital.

### **Tuesday, October 13**

- 5:45 p. m. , Security transported a student who had flu-like symptoms to the Urgent Care clinic.
- 9:45 p. m. , a fire alarm was reported at Davis Hall. Burned food in a lounge was the cause. No fire.
- 10:40 p. m. , students were discovered smoking marijuana in a dorm room.

### **Wednesday, October 14**

- 9:20 a. m. , Security again transported the student who had injured his neck while dancing to Northfield Hospital.

-Randy Atchison, Security Services

*Carletonian Security Blotter: October 16, 2009*

While most cases were mild, others required more care. The Carletonian security blotter the second half of the term also provides some information about the outbreak. Over the course of about a month, approximately fifteen students were transported by security to Northfield Hospital or Urgent Care for flu-like symptoms or difficulty breathing, possibly H1N1. By the end of the term, however, no mentions of such transports are present in the security blotter, nor during the subsequent winter term.

## — SECURITY BLOTTER —

### **Friday, October 16**

- 12:25 a. m. , Security caught two people trespassing on Carleton property.
- 7:10 p. m. , Security transported a student who had flu-like symptoms to Northfield Hospital.

### **Saturday, October 17**

- 9:40 p. m. , Security transported a student who had an unspecified condition to Northfield Hospital.

### **Sunday, October 18**

- 7:20 a. m. , An intoxicated student was assisted by Security.
- 11:20 p. m. , Several students were discovered in possession of marijuana and smoking paraphernalia.
- 11:50 p. m. , An over-attended party was broken up in one of the townhouses.

### **Monday, October 19**

- 12:20 a. m. , An ill student and friend were assisted by Security and transported back to their dorm.
- 1:30 a. m. , A fire alarm was reported at Cassat Hall. Burned popcorn in a lounge was the cause. No fire.
- 12:05 p. m. , A fire alarm was reported at Parish Hall. Burned pancakes in the kitchen were the cause. No fire.
- 6:55 p. m. , A fire alarm was reported at one of the townhouses. The cause was a carbon monoxide detector which had apparently been bumped. No fire.

### **Tuesday, October 20**

- 6:55 p. m. , Security transported a student who had an unspecified condition to Northfield Hospital.
- 7:05 p. m. , Security transported a student who had flu-like symptoms to Northfield Hospital.
- 10:45 p. m. , Several students were discovered smoking marijuana in a dorm room.

### **Wednesday, October 21**

- 2:50 a. m. , Security transported a student and friend who both had flu-like symptoms to Northfield Hospital.

-Randy Atchison, Security Services

*Carletonian Security Blotter: October 23, 2009*



## — SECURITY BLOTTER —

### **Thursday, October 22**

- 11:20 a. m. , student suffering from flu-like symptoms was transported by ambulance to Northfield Hospital.

### **Friday, October 23**

- 10:00 p. m. , Security transported a student who had an unspecified condition to Northfield Hospital.
- 11:00 p. m. , an intoxicated student visiting from another Northfield college was transported by ambulance to Northfield Hospital.

### **Saturday, October 24**

- 7:15 p. m. , students were discovered in possession of marijuana and smoking paraphernalia.
- 11:20 p. m. , students were discovered in an inappropriate location on campus.
- 11:30 p. m. , a recent Carleton grad was observed breaking a window in a dormitory.
- 11:45 p. m. , an intoxicated student was transported by ambulance to Northfield Hospital.
- 11:55 p. m. , a visitor, who was observed in a struggle with a student, was arrested by Northfield Police.

### **Sunday, October 25**

- 1:15 a. m. , a fight was reported at the Sayles dance party between students from St. Olaf and Carleton.
- 1:35 a. m. , a fire alarm was reported at Severance Hall. Someone had intentionally set off the alarm. No fire.
- 8:05 a. m. , Security transported a student suffering from flu-like symptoms to Northfield Hospital.
- 6:50 p. m. , a fire alarm was reported at Brooks House. The carbon monoxide detector was the cause of the alarm. No fire.
- 11:15 p. m. , several students were discovered in possession of marijuana and smoking paraphernalia.

### **Monday, October 26**

- 3:50 a. m. , Security transported a student suffering from flu-like symptoms to Northfield Hospital.
- 7:45 p. m. , the same visitor arrested by police on 10/24 was issued a trespassing citation by a different police officer.
- 8:10 p. m. , Security transported a student suffering from an unknown condition to Northfield Hospital.

### **Tuesday, October 27**

- 3:55 p. m. , Security transported a student suffering from a cut finger to Northfield Urgent Care.
- 8:35 p. m. , a fire alarm was reported at Brooks House. The carbon monoxide detector again was the cause of the alarm. No fire.
- 10:35 p. m. , a student suffering from breathing difficulties was transported by ambulance to Northfield Hospital.

### **Wednesday, October 28**

- 3:40 a. m. , Security transported a student suffering from flu-like symptoms to Northfield Hospital.
- 8:15 p. m. , Security transported a student suffering from flu-like symptoms to Northfield Hospital.
- 10:00 p. m. , Security transported a student suffering from flu-like symptoms to Northfield Hospital.
- 10:35 p. m. , Security transported a student suffering from flu-like symptoms to Northfield Hospital.
- 11:35 p. m. , a student suffering from breathing difficulties was transported by ambulance to Northfield Hospital.

-Randy Atchison, Security Services

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## — SECURITY BLOTTER —

### **Thursday, October 29**

- 3:45 p. m. , A student suffering from an unspecified condition was transported by ambulance to Northfield Hospital.
- 11:55 p. m. , Security transported a student suffering from flu-like symptoms to Northfield Hospital.

### **Friday, October 30**

- 11:00 a. m. , A student reported his locked bicycle had been stolen from outside of Watson Hall.
- 7:20 p. m. , A student reported witnessing an act of vandalism at the Arts Union.
- 10:40 p. m. , A fire alarm was reported at Scott House. Burned food. Much smoke. No fire.

### **Saturday, October 31**

- 1:00 p. m. , A student reported that his credit cards had been stolen
- 2:10 p. m. , Another student reported that his credit cards had been stolen.
- 11:15 p. m. , A fire alarm was reported at Dow House. Bumped CO detector. No fire.

### **Sunday, November 1**

- 12:55 a. m. , A fire alarm was reported at Musser Hall. Someone had intentionally set off the alarm. No fire.
- 1:05 a. m. , An intoxicated student was transported by ambulance to Northfield Hospital.
- 1:10 a. m. , A fire alarm was reported at Watson Hall. Someone had intentionally set off the alarm. No fire.
- 1:20 a. m. , Another intoxicated student was transported by ambulance to Northfield Hospital.
- 5:20 p. m. , A student suffering from an unspecified condition was transported by ambulance to Northfield Hospital.
- 6:30 p. m. , A fire alarm was reported at Benton House. Burned food. Some smoke. No fire.

### **Tuesday, October 27**

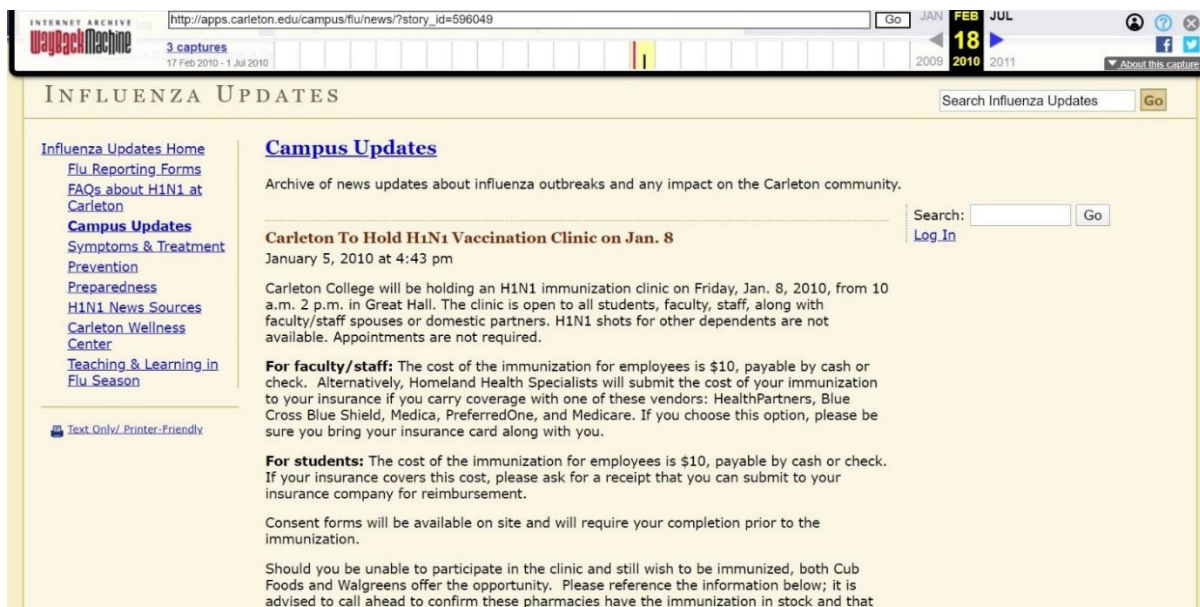
- 10:30 a. m. , A staff member suffering from a knee injury was transported by ambulance to Northfield Hospital.
- 8:35 p. m. , A student suffering from breathing difficulties was transported by ambulance to Northfield Hospital.

-Randy Atchison, Security Services

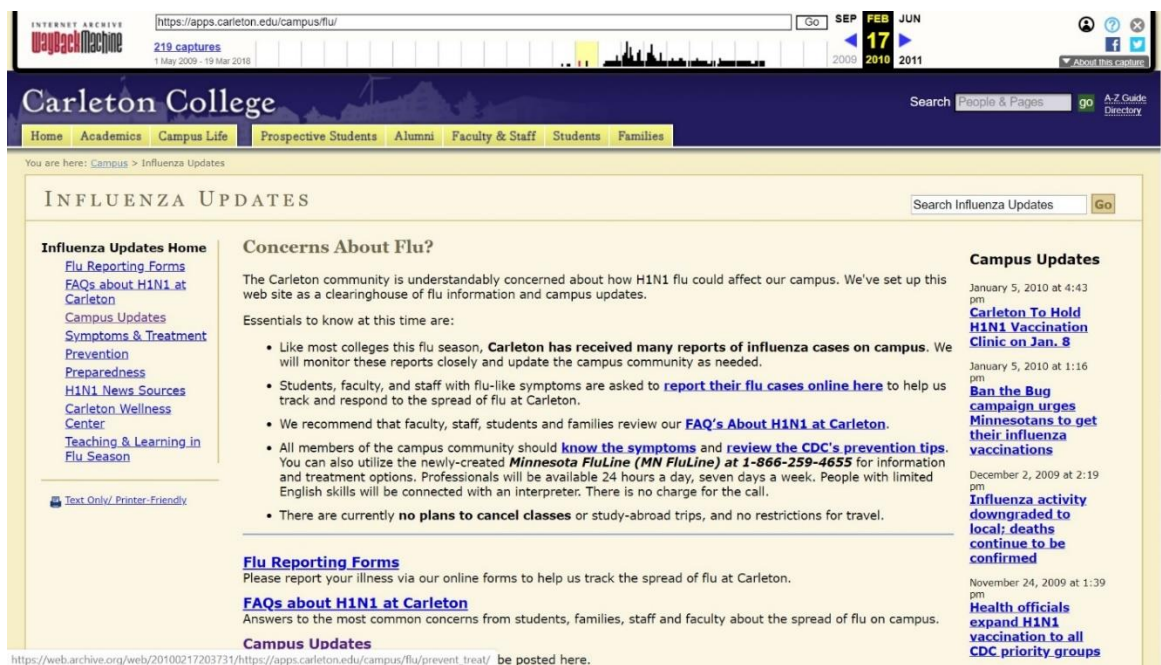
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## Conclusion

By the time winter term 2010 began, concerns about H1N1 seem to have waned. The college held a H1N1 vaccination clinic on January 8, but that appears to have been the final campus update on the H1N1 situation. The Influenza Updates site remained, but in February the main page had not been updated for over a month.



### *Carleton to Hold H1N1 Vaccination Clinic*



### *Influenza Updates – February 17, 2010*

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#### [Carleton To Hold H1N1 Vaccination Clinic on Jan. 8](#)

January 5, 2010 at 4:43 pm

Carleton College will be holding an H1N1 immunization clinic on Friday, Jan. 8, 2010, from 10 a.m. 2 p.m. in Great Hall. The clinic is open to all students, faculty, staff, along with faculty/staff spouses or domestic partners. H1N1 shots for other dependents are not available. Appointments are not required.

[Read more of "Carleton To Hold H1N1 Vaccination Clinic on Jan. 8"](#)  
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#### [Ban the Bug campaign urges Minnesotans to get their influenza vaccinations](#)

January 5, 2010 at 1:16 pm

In an effort to promote flu vaccination, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), the Minnesota Coalition for Adult Immunization (MCAI) and other organizations are sponsoring the annual Ban the Bug campaign beginning the week of Jan. 10-16 by providing

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In the moment of the Covid-19 pandemic, it is perhaps impossible to avoid comparing our own time and experiences with past outbreaks (especially for students of history). At times it feels unproductive to compare Covid-19 to H1N1, as the H1N1 outbreak did not lead to the widespread disruption we see today. But history also reminds us that no conclusion is ever foregone - on May 1, 2009, we did not know that our fears about the H1N1 virus would turn out to be largely uncalled for. On January 28, 2020, we did not imagine Carleton would hold spring term remotely. The immediate response at the college to both situations was similar - educating campus about the virus and prevention practices, asking members of the campus community with symptoms to report it, and continued monitoring of the situation. The progression of the virus, on the hand, necessitated different responses as the situation progressed.

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