Manhattanville College - Reference Guide For Handling a Pandemic Outbreak

- Influenza viruses are notable for their resilience and adaptability.
- The college has a team to prepare for and respond to a pandemic situation in our community.
- We have sufficient hand soap, tissues, surgical masks and places to dispose of them.
- We have a plan for the possibility of limiting large gatherings.

- We have an emergency communications plan that includes key contacts, a chain of command, and processes for tracking and communicating with students and employees via e-mail, text messaging, and voice mail.
- The college practices this plan and revises it periodically as needed.
- We are prepared and allow for employee absences during a pandemic.
- Limit close, personal contact such as handshaking, sitting in meetings, and shared workstations.

- We have established policies for entering affected areas that may house possible sick students within the college.
- We have procedures that cover signs and symptoms of influenza and response strategies.
- We will collaborate with federal, state and local public health agencies and/or emergency responders as directed.

TIPS FOR PROTECTING YOURSELF AND OTHERS

- Cover nose/mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- If you don't have a tissue, use your sleeve, not your hands, to protect those around you from getting sick.
- Dispose of tissues quickly and properly after use.
- Wash hands with soap and water or alcohol based hand wipes or gel sanitizers, after coughing, sneezing, blowing your nose and touching any other contaminated objects or materials.

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- People at high risk for complications of influenza should avoid public gatherings such as classes, movies, religious services and public meetings.
- High risk people should also avoid going to other public areas such as food stores and pharmacies.
- Disposable surgical-type masks help prevent the spread of the disease through coughs and sneezes.
- Wearing a mask is not a substitute for social distance or other personal protection measures.

USEFUL LINKS

 NY State Pandemic Plan http://xrl.us/begzyy

Pandemic Flu.gov

http://pandemicflu.gov/index.html