

Missouri Western State University

Seasonal Flu and H1N1 Flu Student Attendance Policy

Current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines recommend appropriate policies regarding absences to help alleviate the spread of the H1N1 illness. Both students and staff are encouraged to stay home when sick in accordance with current CDC guidelines.

- Students are asked to self-identify their illness and use their own discretion on when to seek medical care.
- Faculty will excuse students who self-report flu illness.
- Notes from Doctors will not be required.
- Students will be required to notify their appropriate professors and academic advisor of any illness-related absence as soon as practical before the absence, preferably by email.
- Students are expected to make up all work missed and are responsible for all course content in their absence.
- Faculty are still required to report attendance according to policy with the understanding that illnesses will be considered excused absences.
- Students will be asked to return to class in accordance with current CDC guidelines which are accessible at www.flu.gov/health/index.html#ifyouaresick
- Faculty are encouraged to explore on-line or other remote access teaching possibilities to be used in the event of a severe outbreak of flu on campus.
- Current policies are available at www.missouriwestern.edu/healthserv/
- This policy is effective immediately, September 9, 2009, and will continue until further notice.