

## COMMISSION FOR HIGHER EDUCATION

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### INFORMATION ITEM E: Institutional Plans for H1N1/Pandemic Flu Outbreak

#### **Ball State University**

Ball State University has developed a comprehensive plan<sup>1</sup> to deal with an outbreak of H1N1 or any other pandemic illness. The plan is articulated at three levels, depending upon the number and severity of cases on campus. The plan identifies responsible parties and assigns duties based on the threat level, as well as identifies the duties of each campus unit, including the President's office, business affairs, dining and housing services, and human resources.

#### **Indiana State University**

Indiana State has developed a plan responding to an outbreak of H1N1 that specifically addresses student and staff actions in the event of infection. ISU is also stepping up education about the flu through the Student Health Promotion, which has distributed flu prevention and hand-washing posters and table tents around campus. ISU will also offer flu prevention programs across campus and in residence halls<sup>2</sup>.

#### **Indiana University – System**

IU maintains a comprehensive website devoted to tracking data and information about H1N1, and providing students with a one-stop location for all notification and threat level information<sup>3</sup>. IU has developed a system called IU-Notify, which will be used to alert all students, faculty and staff at all campuses in the event of an emergency. IU is also taking steps to educate students about how to fight the flu using common-sense precautions.

#### **Ivy Tech Community College**

Through its student services website, Ivy Tech has provided links to the Center for Disease Control and its toolkit for preparing for the flu, as well as additional information on the flu and its transmission<sup>4</sup>.

#### **Purdue University - System**

Purdue has developed a comprehensive website that provides students with up-to-date information on the H1N1 strain<sup>5</sup>, as well as links to the federal governments' guidance to higher education institutions. The Purdue-specific response plan is undergoing revision.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://cms.bsu.edu/en/About/AdministrativeOffices/PandemicFluPrep/OperResponsePlan.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.indstate.edu/shp/rsrscflu.htm>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.indianauniversity.info/archive/flu/>

<sup>4</sup> <http://www.ivytech.edu/student-services/>

<sup>5</sup> <http://news.uns.purdue.edu/fluinfo/plan.html>

### **University of Southern Indiana**

USI has developed a communications plan for students and staff, and has developed an online reporting form for individuals to report any symptoms, reducing additional exposures and enabling tracking. USI is also providing students and staff with H1N1 information through the Student Health Center website<sup>6</sup>, and has distributed posters throughout campus in public locations and to individual student websites. The University will also be a point of distribution for H1N1 vaccinations when they become available.

### **Vincennes University**

VU has devoted a comprehensive website to notifying and informing students, parents and employees about H1N1 on campus<sup>7</sup>. The website also links to CDC resources, and provides students with information about flu prevention.

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<sup>6</sup> <http://www.usi.edu/studenthealth/h1n1flu.asp>

<sup>7</sup> [http://vinu.edu/cms/opencms/student\\_services/health\\_office/](http://vinu.edu/cms/opencms/student_services/health_office/)