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To: ##Heritage Teaching Staff; ##Heritage Students
Cc: ##Senior Managers
Subject: Ministerial directives on H1N1 and students

The Minister of Education, Leisure, and Sports said the following on October 20:

*Students presenting the symptoms of the H1N1 influenza (high fever, coughing, headache, great fatigue, overall aches) should not attend school until their symptoms have disappeared. However, if the symptoms persist beyond 7 days, students can begin to resume usual activities if their general state allows it.

*Students who present themselves in school with the aforementioned symptoms will be send home so as to not spread the virus to others.

The MInistry of Public Health does not recommend requiring a medical certificate to excuse the student's absence from class or from missing exams or assignment deadlines. To do otherwise would be to clog the overburdened health system at this time.

I am requesting four things from faculty and students:

1. For students, please report your absence and your suspicions of having H1N1 to Student Services. 819-778-2270 x1320. We will make every effort to alert your teachers for you.
2. Students, please do not abuse the H1N1 situation and our concerns for your health by making false reports. Not cool.
3. Faculty, please report the student absences using Omnivox. A new module for Omnivox that has been specifically designed for this situation has been developed and will be deployed in mid-November. Both students and faculty will be able to use this module for student absence reporting.
4. Faculty, please be lenient regarding "late" penalties, etc. for students who have reported having the flu.

Please be assured we will continue to keep you updated as information is made available.

Sincerely,

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