

Dear Washington College Parent,

**An update from our August 6 letter to you about H1N1 flu:** late last week, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) released new guidelines for colleges and universities dealing with cases of flu. These guidelines now include the recommendation that students who display flu symptoms (fever along with one or more symptoms) **“should return to their home to keep from making others sick,”** returning to campus only once they are fever free for 24 hours (without the use of fever reducing medications).

In light of the new CDC guidelines, should your Washington College student show signs of flu, he or she should phone Health Services so the medical staff can determine if a return home is needed and possible. If a return home is advised, either the student or Health Services will contact a parent. We invite your understanding and cooperation should we ask your student to return home. Our goal is to minimize the spread of the disease as much as possible and ensure our students are in the most appropriate environment if they become ill with flu.

For additional information about our efforts, and to monitor any changes in our planning and procedures as a result of changes in CDC or state and local guidelines, please visit <http://health.washcoll.edu> for regular updates.

Sincerely,

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