

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Faculty Only

1. What do I tell my students about how Kwantlen Polytechnic University is preparing for the H1N1 influenza?

Direct them to the various websites for information on H1N1:

- a. <http://www.kwantlen.ca/hr/ohs/h1n1.html>
- b. <http://www.gov.bc.ca/h1n1>
- c. <http://www.fightflu.ca>
- d. <Http://www.facebook.com/h1n1informationbc>
- e. H1N1BC on Twitter

Tell students that Kwantlen Polytechnic University has a comprehensive Influenza Exposure Control Plan to manage H1N1 on the various campuses. This plan can be found at www.kwantlen.ca/h1n1info

2. Can I send a student out of class if they are exhibiting signs of influenza like illness?

Students are encouraged to be vigilant and responsible for their own health. The Public Health Agency of Canada recommends those who are ill with influenza-like illness should self-isolate until their symptoms resolve and they are feeling well and able to fully participate in all normal day-to-day activities.

Faculty may, at their discretion and being sensitive to the situation take aside the student and counsel them that they should go home and take care of themselves. The student should be reassured that there will be no academic penalty for missing the class

3. Will students be required to make up missed school work, exams or tests if they are ill with the flu?

Normal procedures and expectations regarding missed school work, exams or tests due to illness will apply. Faculty are encouraged to consider how the distribution of class material can be accommodated for sick students. Students are also encouraged to keep in touch with classmates for course notes.

4. Do students need to advise their Instructor if they are ill with the flu?

Students should follow the normal procedures/direction provided to them by the instructor regarding attendance reporting for the class.

5. Will students be required to submit a medical certification if they are ill and have to miss an academic deadline, examination or test?

The Public Health Agency of Canada are recommending individuals with flu like symptoms to self isolate until they are feeling better and able to participate in normal activities. Students are encouraged to call Health Link BC at 811 if they have influenza like symptoms or concerns.

Faculty are asked to use their discretion and professional judgment when asking students for doctors notes for an absence due to flulike symptoms.

6. How can I tell students that a class is cancelled?

Utilize regular procedures for class cancellations. For further information contact your Dean's Office.