

Government of Jammu and Kashmir,
Civil Sectt. Higher Education Department.

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CIRCULAR

Subject :- Guidelines on influenza A/H1N1.

The Principals of all the Government / Private colleges of the State are advised to immediately conduct awareness in their respective colleges about the pre-cautions to be taken regarding **Influenza H1N1 Flu** which has reportedly entered the State of Jammu and Kashmir.

The following pre-cautions and measures shall be taken immediately:-

- i) Any student or staff member showing flu like symptoms such as fever, cough, running nose and difficulty in breathing should be allowed to stay at home for a period of seven to ten days.
- ii) Educational institutions should not insist on production of medical certificate by the student / staff.
- iii) Educational institutions should monitor the health status of such students/ staff who might have come in contact with a suspected case of Influenza AH1N1 to see whether they develop flu like symptoms. In case they do so, they should be allowed to stay home as outlined at (i) above.
- iv) In case of students staying in Hostels, the educational institutions would not monitor the health status of the students, but also that of care providers. It has to be ensured that the care providers wear face mask and wash hands regularly. It might not be advisable to send the boarders back to home, as it would spread infection further.
- v) Educational institutions are further encouraged to report such cases to local health officers for further monitoring.

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- vi) Given the current magnitude of the spread of AH1N1 infection and the fact that the current virus is mild, closure of educational institutions on account of any student/staff member falling ill with flu like symptoms is not recommended.
- vii) In the first place, the schools should discourage the excursions of the students to the effected places / countries.
- viii) In case, if the students had proceeded to affected places/ countries on unavoidable tours, then on their return, if some students show flu like symptoms of fever, sore-throat, cough, body ache, running nose, difficulty in breathing etc, they should be advised to abstain from attending school and be allowed to stay at home for a period of 7 to 10 days.

Further, the Principals will ensure full cooperation with the Medical Teams which shall be visiting to the colleges for monitoring.

This should be treated as most urgent.



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- 1) Director Information with the request to kindly publish the circular in daily leading news papers of the State.
- 2) Registrar University of Kashmir / Jammu with the request to issue similar instructions in their campuses.
- 3) Principal All Gov. Colleges of J&K State.
- 4) Pvt. Secy. Hon'ble Minister for Hr. Edu. Deptt.
- 5) Pvt. Secy. Hon'ble Minister Higher Education Department.
- 6) Pvt. Secy. Commr./Secy. Higher & Technical Edu. Deptt.
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