

Dear reader,

The WHO (World Health Organisation) has announced that New Influenza A (H1N1), which was formerly known as Mexican flu, is now classified as a pandemic. There are at the moment several known cases of the Mexican Flu in The Netherlands. You may have seen in the news that the government is viewing this virus as a regular influenza, but that many more cases are to be expected.

At the recent General Meeting of the HBO Board, measures for dealing with an outbreak of the Mexican Flu at HBO schools were discussed. The Board has determined procedures to be followed by its members. The Board of Directors of the Hotelschool and the Human Resources Department request that you take various measures in order to minimize the chance of exposure and infection as much as possible.

Hotelschool The Hague is observing advice and guidelines issued by the organisations officially involved, which include the RIVM [National Institute of Public Health and Environment Protection] and the GGD [Joint Health Service]. The Human Resources Department will regularly check the websites of the abovementioned organisations, www.rivm.nl and www.ggd.nl, and will keep you informed about future developments.

Hotelschool The Hague has prepared guidelines. Included in these guidelines is the policy of Hotelschool The Hague, as well as measures to prevent the New Influenza A (H1N1). These guidelines are not free of obligation and we are counting on cooperation in following them.

In addition, the guidelines include contact details of Human Resources, Student Support Centre, the company physician and General Practitioners for students who have no General Practitioner in the Netherlands. For more information, you can contact us via hr@hdh.nl or mc@hdh.nl

Kind regards,

Board of Directors