

NOTICE: Measures being taken for H1N1 at UNU

Given the current situation of Novel Influenza A (H1N1) being spreading across the nation, and that the Japanese government has declared a Level 2 state of emergency, it is requested by the government for appropriate measures to be in place for a building with large public spaces.

With this in mind, UNU urges all event organizers, as well as participants, to take note of the precautions below and take necessary efforts to prevent the virus transmission.

1) Disinfectant Bottles: UNU places handy-type disinfectant bottles at the following locations:

- Main entrance doors & Reception desk
- Each elevator hall
- 2F Reception/Gallery area
- Entrance of the conference halls (U Thant, Elizabeth Rose, etc.)
- Toilets on 3F & 5F
- Other locations

2) Putting off the event: Event organizers may wish to consider postponement/cancellation of an event in case any infected patients are identified within the organizing or participating groups.

3) Wearing masks: To request staff members, as well as participants, to wear masks

4) "Coughing Etiquette": To announce strict observance of "Coughing etiquette" note

This is a regimen to ensure that any propellants from coughs and sneezes do not result in infecting others. Infected persons tend to transmit the virus through airborne transmission of droplets and, therefore, must follow the coughing etiquette detailed herein.

When coughing or sneezing, cover your nose and mouth with a tissue, turn your face away from people around you and, as much as possible, step away from them to a distance of 1 to 2 meters. If you have no access to tissues, cover your mouth area with the sleeve around your forearms to avoid any transmission through airborne droplets. Immediately do away with used tissues containing respiratory discharge (nasal mucus, phlegm, etc.) by discarding them in the garbage bin. Arms and hands that were coughed or sneezed into should be cleaned immediately; be sure not to touch others before washing lest you facilitate the spread of the contagion. We strongly recommend that people pack a quick-drying rubbing alcohol disinfectant or some form of alcohol-based wipe, to use in the event that they are unable to find any suitable washing facilities. Please use a mask if you are suffering from bouts of coughing, as such masks are highly effective in preventing the spread of infection by hindering the airborne transmission of viral droplets.

Thank you for your understanding.