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## [H1N1: Hurry up and wait](#)



Not sure you'll agree, but I find slow developing situations more challenging to respond to. Sure, there's time to better evaluate circumstances as they evolve, but there always remains uncertainty about how those circumstances will ultimately play out—or even whether they'll “play out” at all.

That's how I view preparations for the expected outbreak of the [H1N1 \(Swine\) Flu virus](#). Of course nobody can say with certainty how it will affect our campus community, but every effort is being made to mitigate its impact.

On Monday, RIT's chief communications officer Bob Finnerty and I attended a [Critical Incident Management Program](#) meeting, which included a number of other staff members charged with leading the university's response to an outbreak. So far, the impact of flu-like illness at RIT has been minimal, but that in no way has lulled campus leadership into a false sense of security.

[University News](#) continues to focus on providing accurate and timely information related to the evolution of this year's flu season. Earlier this week, Bob provided an [update on the status of RIT's flu preparedness](#), including important reminders about what we all can do to protect ourselves and everyone around us.

Remember to stay current on the latest flu-related developments by visiting [RIT's H1N1 \(Swine\) Flu Emergency Preparedness Web site](#). Updates on the number of people on campus diagnosed with flu-like symptoms will be provided each Monday by RIT's [Student Health Center](#), but more frequent updates will be available in the event of a significant outbreak. And please, if you can suggest ways to enhance the communication effort going forward, we'd value your feedback.

Yeah, when it comes to the H1N1 virus, there's definitely been a lot of ‘hurry up and wait,’ but hopefully it allows us to prepare for whatever ultimately comes our way.

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