

SUBJECT: Flu and YoUD
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Spring semester is rapidly approaching and we hope that you are excited to begin. We are certainly excited to have all of you back in the residence halls and back on campus. We'll also be welcoming several hundred new members to our hall communities from the World Scholars and the Delaware in DC programs in addition to Spring transfer students. Our check in for spring takes place on Sunday, February 9th and Monday, February 10th. If you are arriving early for New Student Orientation, International Student Orientation, or the Spring into Success Conference, please be mindful and considerate of the fact that Winter session students are taking finals during this time frame. All opening dates and times can be found in our Move In guide at <https://www.udel.edu/students/reslife/housing-info/move-in-out/>

The return of thousands of students from all regions in the U.S. and throughout the globe, while exciting, also brings enhanced risks as move-in occurs during the height of flu season. Student Health Services actively monitors influenza rates and patterns on campus and in our region and has strong prevention and response protocols. To lower your chances of getting ill, follow the usual best practices:

- Get your seasonal flu vaccine.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze and then throw the tissue away and wash your hands, or cough/sneeze into your elbow.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Clean hard surfaces in shared spaces with disinfectant.
- Avoid close contact with others if you are not feeling well. If you need to miss a class, check the [University Attendance Policies](#).
- If you are running a fever (temperature over 100) CALL Student Health Services at 302-831-2226.

The University has also been closely following the 2019 novel coronavirus appearing in numerous countries including the United States. UD has engaged with multiple public health organizations and continues to update the University community. Guidance has been posted at a special website, [Coronavirus: What You Need to Know](#). The University is in regular communication with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Delaware Division of Public Health, and the latest information will be available at this website.

If, despite preventive efforts, you develop influenza symptoms, we ask that you do all you can to protect your UD community by calling Student Health Services to take appropriate steps to prevent transmission to your fellow Blue Hens.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact either Student Health Services or Residence Life & Housing. We look forward to a vibrant and healthy spring.

Sincerely,

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