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Two confirmed H1N1 cases at Framingham State

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Two Framingham State College students have tested positive for the H1N1 virus, and another seven with flu-like symptoms have been seen at a nearby medical center since Monday, school officials announced Thursday.

All ill students have gone home to recover and did not return to campus, said a school-wide e-mail sent Oct. 22.

The school also announced the full recovery of a student who had been isolated on campus after the student was treated at MetroWest Medical Center on Saturday and learned they may have contracted swine flu.

"The hospital did not test for H1N1, so this diagnosis is probable, not confirmed," said an Oct. 18 e-mail notification.

The student who lives out of state was moved to a previously-prepared, isolated living space on campus until they recovered, the e-mail said.

Students who are ill have been instructed not to return to campus and their classes until they have been fever-free for 24 hours.

The e-mail asked that anyone with flu-like symptoms report them to the school's Health Services and remain at home.

"Please continue to do everything you can to help limit the outbreak of H1N1 and seasonal flu on our campus," said the most recent e-mail. "For the time-being, avoid such personal contact as hand-shaking, utilize hand sanitizer, and cover coughs and sneezes."

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