

## CZECH REPUBLIC

- **What precautions are local governments taking to prevent the spread of H1N1, and what do they require of students who land on site?**

The Czech government has prepared general recommendations on how individuals should respond to suspected and confirmed cases of H1N1. Individuals who suspect they may have contracted H1N1 are advised to consult with a list of typical symptoms. If their symptoms match those of H1N1, the individual should contact either a local doctor by phone or visit a hospital containing an infectious disease unit. Individuals are discouraged from visiting clinics in order to avoid spreading the virus.

The Czech government has approved the purchase of the H1N1 vaccine for about 30% of the population. In the event of an epidemic, at-risk populations (such as the elderly and children) would be the Czech authorities' first priority. Foreigners would not be at the top of the list in receiving vaccine. There are no special requirements of students who arrive to study in the Czech Republic.

In most cases, those who have contracted H1N1 in the Czech Republic have safely recovered in their homes. In the event of a mass epidemic, hospitals with infectious disease units in Prague and throughout the country are prepared to expand their capacity. Other hospitals are prepared to open infectious disease units.

- **How will CET respond if an outbreak that involves our students takes place at our host campuses?**

CET Prague staff have directed students to contact the staff or a doctor by phone immediately to seek advice if they suspect they have a case of H1N1. Students have been advised to consult with information from their home universities for more details about precautionary measures.

Those infected with the virus will be directed to the nearest hospital and not allowed to attend class or enter the CET facility until they are cleared by medical personnel as "not contagious" (typically, one week later). If a CET student is infected, the Czech authorities may require them to move to a hospital to recover. If this is not required, CET will require the student to relocate to a hotel (at their own expense) during the recovery period. In the meantime, the student's apartment will be professionally cleaned to help reduce the possibility of the illness spreading to other students. Note that if a student is infected with H1N1 and not allowed to attend class, their absences will be excused.

- **How will we communicate with students, schools, and parents if groups of our students are quarantined?**

Our on-site staff will report any suspected H1N1 cases to the CET DC office immediately. If any student/staff/faculty is diagnosed with H1N1 (if not required and orchestrated by the local government), we will require them to quarantine themselves and the DC office staff will contact all home institutions of all students participating on the program to inform them of the outbreak and explain next steps. We will also send an email to all program students and their emergency contacts (usually parents) updating them on the situation.

When applicable, we will provide contact numbers and addresses of quarantine facilities to students' parents and home institutions. We will do our best to insure students have the ability to contact parents and CET staff when under quarantine. In addition, we will encourage all students on the program to contact their emergency contacts (usually parents) directly to address any concerns.