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Ohlone has first two cases of Swine Flu

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Ohlone has recorded its first two cases of H1N1 Swine Flu, and with widespread reports of a possible wider epidemic, it is time for students and faculty to start taking it more seriously.

Sally Bratton, head of Student Health Services said, despite a publicity campaign, students seem unaware of how to keep themselves from getting the flu.

And faculty members are not taking it seriously enough. They are supposed to tell students how to keep from catching the flu, and send them home when they show signs of having it.

She said the cases of H1N1 might have been prevented if they had done so.

If you hear a student or faculty member coughing or otherwise

think they have a bug, suggest they go home immediately, even if it's just a regular cold or if it's a case of H1N1.

By not coming to school they are preventing their illness from spreading. They also should be quarantined, especially children under the age of 5 and adults older than 60 because they are more vulnerable to the flu; it will be harder for them to recover and they may die.

Few know as of September, 9 percent of the reported cases of H1N1 were 100 pregnant women who had to be hospitalized in intensive care. Twenty-eight of those women died. Nationwide, 27 states have reported 60 child deaths since April. As of today, the nation is higher in the usual rate of illnesses for this time of year.

Seasonal flu shots will be given at the Student Health Center at the

Fremont campus starting Monday and continuing through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and again from 4 to 6 p.m., in Room 7302 of the Fremont campus.

At the Newark campus, the vaccine will be available Monday 1 to 6 p.m., and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will cost \$10 for students, who must be over 18, and \$20 for staff.

The Swine Flu vaccine is not presently available on campus. It will probably be available around the first weekend of November. Check the Ohlone website for updates.

The vaccine uses dead viruses, and has very little risk of serious side effects. Forty-six people in the 298-person study reported discomfort at the injection site as the worst side effect. There has not been any reports of any other serious adverse effects.

Drastic cuts are announced in Ohlone summer program

By **KYLE STEPHENS**
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Drastic cuts to Ohlone summer classes were announced by Vice President of Academic Affairs Jim Wright, in an email that was sent out to the Ohlone community Wednesday,

This is in addition to current budget shortfalls to the sum of some \$700,000, which will be addressed by salary cuts, furloughs and layoffs.

The state of California has designated community college enrollment caps for 2009-'10, which dictate both the maximum student population and the amount of funds a school gets, on a number-of-students basis.

Wright has asked Ohlone department deans to reduce summer enrollment from 920 students to 450, a reduction of 51 percent, on top of a 20 percent reduction from last summer already. Changes include:

- Most credit classes will be offered at the Newark Campus or online.
- Those courses at the Fremont main campus will be in Building 9 (the gym), the radio station, Hyman

Hall, and the Early Childhood Center (in the Kidango building).

- No basic skills courses will be offered.
- Tutoring services in biology, chemistry, English and math will be limited at Newark.
- The Ohlone library will be closed, but services offered there will be available at the Newark campus library.
- Summerfest will not be available for credit.
- Relative to the cut, as many general education (GE) and critical career/technical classes as possible will still be offered.

Wright said, "We hope this reduction will allow us to stabilize the course offerings for the fall and spring of 2010-'11," and that this is a strategy being used by many other state colleges. Some are eliminating summer school altogether.

Wright said these changes assume the 2009-'10 enrollment caps will be the same for 2010-'11. Close attention will be paid to this spring semester's enrollment, which could affect the cap this year and next, resulting in more possible cuts in 2010.

A fair for job-seekers

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Students looking for employment have an opportunity today to attend a job fair put on by the Tri-Cities One-Stop Career Centers in Newark and Fremont.

The centers are a publicly-funded resource for jobs, employment, education, training, and business development in the Newark, Union

City and Fremont communities.

It's a one-time chance if you are looking for a job this fall.

The job fair is scheduled to be hosted today at the Ohlone Newark Center from 1 to 4 p.m.

More than 20 employers are scheduled to participate. They will be offering universal resources available to the general public for the purpose of seeking jobs, training, or education.

In addition, they will also offer resources specifically for job seekers and more focused support for special populations in the community.

They will also be offering business resources and services specifically for employers. There is no charge for any of their services.

It's a one-time chance if you are interesting in looking for a job this fall.

Tuesday was the 20th anniversary of the 7.1 Loma Prieta earthquake, which left nearly 70 people dead, collapsed part of Interstate 880 in Oakland, and knocked houses off their foundations in San Francisco. Is Ohlone ready for the next big quake? See story on Page 4.