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LCC READY FOR H1N1

(Lamar, Colorado, September 15, 2009) Although the college has no confirmed cases of the H1N1 flu virus on campus, Lamar Community College has chosen to implement its plan preparing for H1N1 amongst its community. Many of the steps included in the plan are preventative in nature and focus on educating students and staff about how to minimize exposure and identify symptoms. It is working closely with the Prowers County Public Health to communicate the most up-to-date and accurate information as well as plan for mass inoculations when the H1N1 vaccine becomes available in October. The college has sent communications to students and staff, including a H1N1 Fact Sheet, provided by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.

Students and staff should take precautions to avoid spreading H1N1 and the “standard” flu. If students or staff members think that they may be sick with H1N1, they are encouraged to refrain from attending classes or working on campus. If students or staff members do become ill, the college asks them to avoid contact with others. A prolonged high fever is one of the traits of the virus. Once the fever ceases, it is important to wait an additional 24 hours before returning to school/work. LCC has installed hand sanitizer “stations” at entrances and major locations across campus.

The College has held two vaccination clinics at its residence hall to inoculate students against the standard flu and meningitis. Once the H1N1 vaccination is available, the College will host and promote an on-campus clinic.

For more information regarding the college’s H1N1 preparedness, contact Chad DeBono, vice president for Student Services, at 336.1517 or chad.debono@lamarcc.edu.

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