

Northeast Georgia Council, BSA  
Risk Management Committee

To: NEGA Leaders  
From: Mark White,  
Risk Management, Health and Safety, and Youth Protection  
Committee  
Re: Risk Advisory for the H1N1 Virus

Due to the nature of the H1N1 Virus we are asking unit leaders to prescreen all youth and adults prior to attending fall activities. Any youth or adults exhibiting flu-like symptoms should not attend Scouting events.

According to the CDC; "Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing of infected people."

What are the signs of this virus? The symptoms include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. A significant number of people who have been infected with this virus also have reported diarrhea and vomiting. Severe illness and death have occurred.

During any Scouting events (unit, district and council), please monitor youth and adults for flu-like symptoms, and monitor them using these common-sense guidelines:

- Make sure they wash their hands when handling food or using bathroom facilities using soap and water.
- If coughing or sneezing ask them to cover their mouth with a tissue or use their sleeves instead of using their hands. If they use their hands ask them to wash their hands immediately afterward.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Stay home if you get sick. You should limit contact with others to keep from infecting them.

**For more information go to the Centers for Disease Control website at: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)**