

Find out how SAS is preparing for the upcoming flu season

Federal guidelines encourage employers to plan now

Children are back in school. Regular flu season is around the corner, but with the added impact of H1N1 to contend with.

The Manager of Emergency Preparedness and Response within the Security Services Department at SAS world headquarters, encourages employees and their families to become familiar with ways to prevent the spread of the virus and the common symptoms. "SAS wants to be proactive with respect to keeping employees informed about the potential impact of the flu on our population," he said. "Of utmost importance is the health and safety of our employees and their families."

SAS' Director of Corporate Health Services joins him in closely monitoring governmental and medical reports about the flu. "Even if projections are accurate that about 30 percent of the population can expect to get H1N1 -- and if the virus continues to cause a mild illness of short duration --businesses and schools will not be adversely affected for a prolonged period," she said.

Both recommend that employees and their families continue to be vigilant about disease prevention by using common sense: thorough and frequent hand washing, covering coughs and sneezes (using the crook of the arm or disposable tissues), and seeking health care advice if they or their children have symptoms of the flu.

"Most importantly, employees who experience flu-like symptoms should not come into the workplace where they risk spreading the virus nor should they bring sick children onto campus," the Director of Corporate Health Services said.