Fall 2009 Health Protocols - In compliance with Pennsylvania Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control recommendations, **students should NOT attend class or any public gatherings while ill with influenza.** Students with flu symptoms will be asked to leave campus if possible and to return home during recovery. The illness and self-isolation period will usually be about a week. It is very important that individuals avoid spreading the flu to others.

**CHEM 110 Course policy:** Most students should be able to complete a successful semester despite a flu-induced absence. The Chem 11 course grading plan includes excess available points in the quiz and homework categories, and the final deadline for skill check tests is at the end of the semester to accommodate a student that must miss assignments for any reason. Several assignments can be missed without penalty because only the excess points will be lost. While points will not be given for late assignments, completion of all homework assures the greatest chance for students to develop their understanding and master the course content even if it has to be done after recovering from illness.

The opportunity to miss assignments without penalty supports the university’s desire to enable students to make responsible situational decisions, including the decision to avoid spreading a contagious virus to other students, staff, and faculty, without endangering their academic work.

Students with the flu (or other illness) do NOT need to provide a physician’s certification of illness. However, **ill students that must miss a midterm exam should inform their teachers by email** (but not through personal contact in which there is a risk of exposing others to the virus) as soon as possible that they are absent because of the flu. A makeup midterm exam is available for students with an excused absence during an exam.