

**UNISON Higher Education Conference
Hilton Hotel Newcastle Gateshead, Friday 26 February 2010**

Swine Flu

UNISON recommends that members planning to attend the Higher Education Conference follow advice from the government website www.direct.gov.uk

Before Conference

If you are in England and think you may have swine flu stay at home and contact your GP, or follow the link on the website www.direct.gov.uk

In Scotland contact NHS24 on **08454 242424**, in Wales contact **0800 1513 513**, in Northern Ireland contact **0800 0514 142**

Contact your doctor particularly if:

you have a serious underlying illness/you are pregnant/you have a sick child under one year old/your condition suddenly gets much worse/your condition is still getting worse after seven days (five for a child).

At Conference

The advice for any members with flu symptoms while you are at the Conference is to contact your GP or a healthcare provider before travelling to see them.

UNISON has contacted the Hilton Hotel Newcastle Gateshead to establish what steps they are taking to minimise the spread of swine flu.

They have provided the following information:

they have issued advice to staff on how to protect themselves, how to manage situations where staff show symptoms of swine flu, how to manage situations where guests report symptoms of swine flu, what cleaning products to use and where to use them, they keep swine flu information sheets on the front desk, based on World Health Organisation and Centre for Disease Control (US) websites, and they have a swine flu task force in place.

If you need to stay in your hotel and not attend the conference due to possible swine flu, please contact your branch to let them know your circumstances. You should also contact Stephanie Grant, UNISON's Conference Manager, on 07903 024048, so that we are aware of your situation and in case you need assistance in passing on messages to the branch and relatives.

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Conference & Events Manager

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