

## **SWINE FLU PANDEMIC 2009/10**

All claims that a student's academic performance has been adversely affected by illness must be supported by independent evidence, in the form of a medical certificate.

However, the current pandemic is an exceptional situation and a medical certificate for flu or flu-like symptoms will not be required for this examination session. Third party authentication remains a requirement and a supporting statement from third parties such as Resident Assistants in Halls of Residence, relatives, friends, 'flu friends' or 'flu buddies' is acceptable. In addition, evidence might take the form of confirmation of a telephone call to a GP Surgery or to Student Health. A [Supporting Statement Form](#) should be completed and submitted along with your [EC1 Form](#). You should also read the [Presentation of Extenuating Circumstances Procedures](#) before completion of the EC1 form.

If you suspect that you have swine flu you should follow DHSSPS guidelines and remain at home.