

FAQ's updated March 2011

Q. Does UoA insurance cover me if I travel on University business to a high or extreme risk country as classified by MFAT?

[SafeTravel](#) website - MFAT

A. *Yes – however, the risks and mitigating measures will need to be identified and signed off by the Dean/Director. Depending on the territory involved, an additional insurance premium may be incurred, and scope of cover reduced.*

Q. Does UoA insurance cover me for travel to countries with a known or developing Flu risk?

A. *Yes, but if you cancel your trip because you are concerned about the influenza risk, you are unlikely to be able to recover any deposits from the insurance provider.*

Q. One of my staff/students has got a bad cough and cold and is still coming to work/lectures. Other staff/students have complained that they don't want to be around this person and want me to send the unwell person home. What can I do?

A. *You can strongly encourage the person to go home for a couple of days, for their own wellbeing and that of their colleagues and fellow students. It is better for one person to have a couple of days away than having several staff/students sick over a period of weeks. In the case of staff, suggest to the staff member that if they really want to continue with some of their duties they should do so from home (if they have VPN access and their role is suitable to remote working).*

Q. When is a person infectious?

A. *People with influenza are most infectious in the first few days of symptoms. Infectiousness is likely to be minimal before the onset of cough, but it is possible to be infectious when there are no symptoms. Infectiousness continues on average for up to 7 days.*

Treatment e.g. with Tamiflu may reduce, perhaps to a relatively minor degree, the level of infectiousness of a person with symptoms.

Q. What do I do about a vaccination?

A. *The 2011 seasonal influenza programme starts in March and the vaccination for the programme includes three seasonal strains. The University would encourage staff and students to consider having a "flu shot" (subject to personal medical advice). Please note some people may be eligible for free vaccination as listed in the Bulletin above. To find out more, keep checking the [Ministry of Health](#) Website.*