



# Taceham Hundred District WINGS UNIT



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## SWINE FLU

There is understandable concern about "Swine Flu" (A/H1N1virus) in the community at present. WINGS2009 has in place robust health and safety policies to help ensure the well-being of all the participants, staff and visitors. It has a comprehensive medical centre on the WINGS2009 site staffed by trained medical and paramedic staff.

WINGS2009 is working in partnership with the local authority *The Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead*; the local National Health Service (NHS) Trust; and are supported by Girlguiding UK and the UK Scout Association. ScoutMed, the organisation providing the medical centre at WINGS2009, are in constant contact with the local Primary Care Trust and continue to review the risks to WINGS2009 and the activities taking place, and this includes swine flu.

At present the guidance from the Health Protection Agency is for common sense preventative advice that can be implemented at a personal level by each participant and by additional and enhanced levels of hygiene in communal areas throughout the WINGS2009 site.

The Scout Association recommends that activities should continue as normal but leaders of activities should be alert to the signs and symptoms of swine flu. Any youth Member with flu-like symptoms will be returned home as soon as possible and should contact, but not visit, their GP and seek treatment.

The symptoms of swine flu are broadly the same as those of ordinary flu but may be more severe.

The typical symptoms are:

- sudden fever
- sudden cough

Other symptoms may include:

- headache
- tiredness
- chills
- aching muscles
- limb or joint pain
- diarrhoea or stomach upset
- sore throat
- runny nose
- sneezing
- loss of appetite

We would like to remind you that the designated home contact that you have provided must be contactable throughout the whole camp and available to quickly pick up young people if they should show these symptoms for their own wellbeing and for the wellbeing of the rest of the group.

If a participant is unable to attend WINGS2009 for all or part of the time due to illness, then we (Taceham Hundred) may be able to make a claim against our insurance policy to recoup some of the costs. A doctor's certificate will be required and you should provide this to us within 7 days.

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