

## Prevent Swine Flu - Good Advice

The only portals of entry of this virus are the nostrils and mouth/ throat. In a global epidemic of this nature, it's almost impossible to avoid coming into contact with H1N1 in spite of all precautions. Contact with H1N1 is not so much of a problem as its proliferation is.

While you are still healthy and not showing any symptoms of H1N1 infection, in order to prevent proliferation, aggravation of symptoms and development of secondary infections, some very simple steps, not fully highlighted in most preventive publicity communications/ campaigns, can be practiced (instead of focussing on how to stock N95 or Tamiflu):

1. Frequent Hand-washing (well highlighted in most preventive publicity communications/ campaigns);
2. "Hands-off-the-face" approach. Resist all temptations to touch any part of face (unless want to eat, bath and slap);
3. \*Gargle twice a day with warm salt water (use Listerine if you don't trust salt) .....  
\* H1N1 takes 2-3 days after initial infection in the throat/ nasal cavity to proliferate and show characteristic symptoms. Simple gargling prevents proliferation. In a way, gargling with warm salt water has the same effect on a healthy individual that Tamiflu has on an infected one. Pl don't under estimate this simple, inexpensive and powerful preventative method;
4. Similar to 3 above, \*Clean your nostrils at least once every day with warm salt water. ....  
\*Not everybody may be good at Jala Neti or Sutra Neti (very good Yoga Asanas to clean nasal cavity), but \*blowing the nose hard once a day and swabbing both nostrils with cotton buds dipped in warm salt water is very effective in bringing down viral population;
5. \*Boost your natural immunity with foods that are rich in Vitamin C ( Aamala and other citrus fruits). .... \*If you have to supplement with Vitamin C tablets, make sure that it also has Zinc to boost absorption; and
6. \* Drink as much of warm liquids (tea, coffee, etc) as you can. .... \*Drinking warm liquids has the same effect as gargling, but in the reverse direction. They wash off proliferating viruses from the throat into the stomach where they cannot survive, proliferate or do any harm.

We suggest you please pass this information to your entire contacts/eList. We never know, who might pay attention to it and stay ALIVE because of it.

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