

Noon News



Today
High: 81 Low: 62
Mostly sunny



Tomorrow
High: 84 Low: 61
Storms possible

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UI to test H1N1 flu vaccine

The University of Iowa is one of eight medical centers selected by the National Institutes of Health to test H1N1 flu vaccine doses that would protect against the virus before its expected recurrence this fall. Starting next month, scientists at the study sites first will test different doses of the H1N1, or swine flu, vaccine in healthy adults; if no safety concerns arise, testing of children will follow. Pat Winokur, MD, associate dean and professor of internal medicine, will lead the studies being conducted at the UI.

UI Children's Hospital, Hawkeyes to honor 'Kid Captains'

During the 2009 football season, UI Children's Hospital and the Iowa Hawkeyes will team up on a new program to honor current and former pediatric patients. Children selected as a "Kid Captain" will get the opportunity to take the field with the team at Kinnick Stadium, take part in the pre-game coin toss, and receive a commemorative jersey. To learn more, visit <http://www.uihealthcare.com/children>.

Plane makes emergency landing

A Florida man walked away unscathed after making an emergency landing in a single-engine airplane in Iowa City yesterday. Ron Miller of Mulberry, Fla., who was flying from Grinnell to Long Island, N.Y., landed the plane on First Avenue near Hickory Hill Park after the engine stalled in mid-air.

Nitric acid spill sends cloud over plant

Cedar Rapids hazardous materials crews worked last night to contain a nitric acid spill at the Electro-Coatings of Iowa plant on Shaver Road. Passers-by reported an orange chemical cloud over the building; crews inside found nitric acid coming from an overflowing container. No one was injured.

Obama continues health care push

President Barack Obama takes his health care reform agenda to Ohio today to urge families to ignore political naysayers and demand change. "If we do not reform health care, your premiums and out-of-pocket costs will continue to skyrocket," Obama said during a prime-time news conference last night.

Ford posts second-quarter profit

Ford Motor Co. reported a second-quarter profit of \$2.8 billion today, ending a string of four straight quarterly losses. Ford's chief financial officer said the results show that the company's cost cuts and emphasis on new products are paying off and that Ford would return to annual profitability in 2011.

Iceland looks to join EU

Iceland formally applied today to join the European Union, the Associated Press reports. The small North Atlantic country of 320,000 residents already meets most of the EU membership criteria but awaits tough negotiations over fishing rights, a key sector of the island nation's economy.

Exiled Honduran leader plans return

Ousted Honduras President Manuel Zelaya, toppled in a June 28 military coup, said he will head to Nicaragua today and cross over into Honduras tomorrow after internationally mediated talks failed to return him to power. The Honduran military thwarted Zelaya's first attempt to return home on July 5.

Undersea cable gives Africa high-speed Internet

An 8,500-mile undersea fiber-optic cable set to provide high-speed Internet access on Africa's Indian Ocean coast went live today, according its operator, SEA Cable System. The project aims to reduce broadband access costs and boost connections between India, Europe, and the east coast of Africa.

Funeral service to honor Cronkite

Funeral services set today in New York City for newsman Walter Cronkite are expected to bring scores of friends and colleagues. Cronkite, who anchored the "CBS Evening News" from 1962 to 1981 and was known as "the most trusted man in America," died last Friday at his Manhattan home at age 92.

Time running out for Armstrong

The 18th-stage time trial is under way at cycling's Tour de France, with fourth-place Lance Armstrong needing a comeback if he wants a place on the podium when the race ends Sunday in Paris.

Today in history

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On this day in 1996, at the Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Ga., the U.S. women's gymnastic team won its first-ever team gold.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Wild Rose Books will host a Technology Event until 3:30 p.m. today in the Pappajohn Pavilion Lobby, Elevator I, Level 1. The event will include the latest lineup of Dell computers and a special Apple offer available now through Sept. 8: when you buy a Mac, you'll receive a free iPod touch after mail-in rebate. Educational discounts will apply on selected technology.
- Join Project Art and Volunteer Services for The Beggarmen, performing as part of their Summer Concert Series, from noon to 1 p.m. today at the Rooftop Café, Elevator F, Level 8. Enjoy traditional Irish and Celtic tunes and original music, along with promotional food specials. Rain location: 7th floor atrium dining room.
- An Alcoholics Anonymous open meeting for patients, families, visitors, and hospital staff is at 7:30 tonight, Conference Room G, Elevator F, Level 7.
- Help the Johnson County Crisis Center Food Bank by bringing non-perishable canned or packaged food items to work this week as part of the Thanksgiving in July Community-Wide Food Drive. Drop-off bins are located throughout the UI Health Care campus. Tax-deductible financial contributions may be dropped off at Volunteer Services, 8025 JCP, Elevator F, Level 8, or sent to External Relations, 4150 WL. Questions? Contact Tom Walljasper at tom-walljasper@uiowa.edu
- Openings are available for the UI Maternity Center's Childbirth Preparation Saturday Seminar that will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Learn practical tips for increasing comfort and confidence in the labor process. For details and registration, visit www.uihealthcare.com/maternity and click on the "Classes" link.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Emergency Treatment Center is evaluating a new safety IV catheter this week. It offers a number of safety features over the current safety IV catheter and will be used on adult patients. Educational posters on its use have been distributed. Please page Kathy Bainbridge at 6835 or Renee Gould at 4120 with questions and feedback or for a copy of the poster.
- Personal mail should be deposited in U.S. mailboxes located throughout the main level of UI Hospitals and Clinics.
- Parking Lot #65 (Finkbine Commuter Lot) will be inaccessible from Hawkins Drive through the end of this week due to a railroad repair project. Traffic will have to enter and exit the parking lot from Melrose Ave. Cambus is running a special 24-hour service from Lot 65 to the hospital and the main campus. See [The Point](#) for more information.
- Interested in starting an 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. North Liberty vanpool? Contact Sara Knepp by email at sara-knepp@uiowa.edu.
- The 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tipton vanpool is looking for a driver. Contact Kristy Foulks at kristy-foulks@uiowa.edu or call 563-212-0583.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. West Liberty vanpool has two openings. Contact Bruce Browning at 335-1226.
- The 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cedar Rapids/Marion vanpool has an opening. Contact Terri at 356-1753 or terri-spahn@uiowa.edu.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cedar Rapids vanpool as an opening. Contact Don Johnson donald-johnson@uiowa.edu or 319-213-1390.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Keota vanpool has an opening. Contact Necole at 353-4343.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Davenport vanpool has openings. Contact Pam Arp at 356-8842.
- The 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Kalona vanpool has an opening. Contact Kylie at 384-7038.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tipton vanpool has an opening. Contact Teresa at 353-5595.
- The 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wilton vanpool has an opening. Contact Dave Myers at 335-3709 or the vanpool office at 335-5770.
- Interested in starting a 7 a.m. to 4:30 or 5 p.m. Solon van pool? Contact Brian at brian-cornwall@hawkeyesports.com.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Children ages 2 to 11 who can identify their letters and who wear glasses are invited to participate in a study to determine the effectiveness of a digital photoscreening camera in eye exams. Participation involves a total of one visit. Children will receive a free comprehensive dilated eye exam. For details, contact Angela at 356-2859.
- Healthy females ages 18 to 60 are invited to participate in a research study examining the effects of transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS) on pain. TENS is a commonly used treatment for pain that uses an application of low intensity (non-painful) electrical stimulation to the skin. Subjects cannot currently have pain or be on pain medication. Subjects will be compensated for five consecutive daily visits. For details, e-mail slukalab@uiowa.edu or call Shannon Lehman at 384-3052.

View the most recent study announcements at www.uihealthcare.com/depts/clinicaltrials/volunteer.html.

Contact *Noon News* at noonnews@healthcare.uiowa.edu. Persons with a disability requiring reasonable accommodations in order to participate in programs at University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics may discuss their needs with Concierge Services in advance at 356-1900.