

Noon News



Today
High: 63 Low: 48
Mostly sunny



Tomorrow
High: 59 Low: 47
Showers possible

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Leaders give flu vaccination update

UI Health Care leaders announced a phased implementation of its mandatory seasonal influenza vaccination program yesterday. Leaders noted that a portion of the vaccine order will not arrive until November, but they expect to receive enough vaccine to meet needs. For now, vaccinating individuals who work or serve within UI Hospitals and Clinics is the first priority. UI Health Care employees who do not work within the hospital are asked to wait until the rest of the vaccine shipment arrives.

Curfew vote on hold

The Iowa City Council put off a vote on a juvenile curfew last night after a community group stepped forward with a plan to work with youths on the streets of the city's southeast side. The council was scheduled to give the ordinance its second reading, but deferred the item to its Dec. 1 session.

More soldiers exiting Iraq

The United States is speeding up its military withdrawal from Iraq, the Associated Press (AP) reports. The reduced number of troops in Iraq to be announced today by military commanders—from 124,000 to 120,000 by the end of October—marks the latest U.S. step in winding down the six-year war.

Summit examines driver distractions

Nearly 6,000 people were killed and a half-million injured last year in vehicle crashes connected to driver distraction, the U.S. Transportation Department reported today at the beginning of a “distracted driving summit” focused on highway hazards caused by drivers talking or texting on cell phones.

Utility agrees to remove Klamath dams

PacifiCorp, the utility that owns four hydroelectric dams on the Klamath River in southeastern Oregon and northern California, has agreed to remove the dams in 2020, a key step in efforts to restore what was once the third biggest salmon run on the West Coast and end decades of battles over scarce water.

Tsunami slams American Samoa

A tsunami caused by an 8.0-magnitude earthquake flattened Samoan villages and swept people out to sea, killing at least 99 and leaving dozens missing today. The quake was centered about 125 miles from Samoa, an island nation of 180,000 people located halfway between New Zealand and Hawaii.

Zelaya backs plan for reinstatement

Ousted Honduran President Manuel Zelaya said last night that he is encouraged by a plan offered by business leaders to put him back in office, the AP reports. The plan includes bringing foreign troops to Honduras to ensure that Zelaya, if reinstated, would respect a mediator's proposal to limit his powers.

Israel, Hamas announce progress in captured soldier case

Israel will release 20 Palestinian women from prison this week in exchange for video proof that an Israeli soldier held in the Gaza Strip is still alive, the AP reports. Israel and Hamas announced the agreement today, the first real sign of progress in three years of talks over the captive soldier's fate.

YouTube, Warner reach deal

YouTube said yesterday that music videos from Warner Music Group Corp. will return to the video site in the coming months after a nine-month dispute over splitting ad revenue. Videos from artists such as Madonna, Metallica, and Green Day will be available for free viewing by the end of the year.

Tufts bans sex when roommate is around

Tufts University outside of Boston has instituted a new policy this semester that prohibits students living in university dormitories from having sex while a roommate is present, the AP reports. A spokesperson said the school issued the new rule after a dozen or so complaints in the past three years.

Red Sox clinch playoff spot

The Boston Red Sox are back in the baseball playoffs for the sixth time in seven years. The Red Sox clinched the American League wild-card spot despite losing to the Toronto Blue Jays 8-7 yesterday. The Los Angeles Angels beat the Texas Rangers 5-2 last night, which eliminated Texas from the race.

Today in history

On this day in 1846, ether was used as an anesthetic for the first time, at the office of Boston dentist William Morton.

MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON BACK

UPCOMING EVENTS

- The UI Audiology Class of 2011 will hold a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch in Sycamore Mall from 5 to 8 p.m. tonight to raise money for China Project 2010. For details, e-mail abbie-huinker@uiowa.edu.
- There's still time to register for UI Wellness "Nutrition on the Go" classes. "Quick, Healthy Snacks," the first of four sessions on finding healthy foods to fit busy lifestyles, will be held from 12:15 to 12:45 p.m. tomorrow in Atrium Conference Rooms A/B (Elevator F, Level 7). Go to the [Employee Self Service Web site](#) to register or call the liveWELL office at 353-2973.
- Gamblers Anonymous meetings are held every Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Pomerantz Pavilion, Elevator L, Level 5, Melrose Room No. 3. Call 353-3904 with questions.
- The Center for Disabilities and Development Grand Rounds presents Professor Steve Kuusisto, from the UI Creative Nonfiction Writing program. Kuusisto will discuss the emerging interdisciplinary field of Disability Studies from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday in Room 102 CDD. Questions? Contact Brenda Nosbish at 353-6008 or brenda-nosbish@uiowa.edu.
- University of Iowa Dance Marathon is Flippin' for Kids from 7 a.m. to noon Saturday at Hawkeye Village, adjacent to the UI football practice field. Pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee! Purchase \$5 tickets at the door, by phone at 335-8484, or e-mail cmn@uiowa.edu. Proceeds benefit pediatric cancer programs at UI Children's Hospital.
- A special interactive performance featuring Mr. Cello will be held from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8, in the Patients' Library. Everyone of all ages is invited. Call 356-2468 with questions.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Air handling services on levels 5 and 6 in the John Pappajohn Pavilion will be interrupted until 2 p.m. today for maintenance. The air handler will run intermittently. Questions? Call Robert Leslie, at 356-8273.
- UI employees: Complete a SkillSoft course by Oct. 16 and you'll be entered for a chance to win a prize such as an iPod Shuffle, a digital picture frame, or a pocket digital camcorder. Go to <http://skillsoft.uiowa.edu> for more details.
- UI Health Care Human Resources Office will not be printing ID badges tomorrow or Friday due to staff training. The office will reopen for badging at 7:30 a.m. on Monday. Questions? Call the UI Health Care Human Resources office at 356-2008.
- The air handling unit serving the first and second floors on the west side of Boyd Tower will be interrupted for approximately 10 hours beginning at 5 p.m. tomorrow in order to increase the air supply. Contact Robert Leslie at 356-8273 with questions.
- The Summer/Fall issue of *PACEMAKER* magazine is now available. Extra copies for promotional purposes can be found at the main front entrance, Pappajohn Pavilion reception desk, and in the staff dining room. For larger quantities, call UI Health Care Marketing and Communications at 356-1009. View the issue online at www.uihealthcare.com/news/pacemaker.
- Blood and platelet donors needed. Visit DeGowin Blood Center, Elevator B, Level 2, or call 356-2058. Weekday and evening appointments available. All donations used at UI Hospitals and Clinics.

RESEARCH VOLUNTEERS INVITED

- Healthy adults 65 years of age and older are invited to participate in a research study comparing the safety and effectiveness of the H1N1 swine flu vaccine with or without an additive. Requires 12 visits over 12 months. Compensation. Contact Vaccine Research and Education at 356-4848 or 384-7245.
- Volunteers between 55 and 90 years of age who either do not smoke or who smoke at least a pack a day are invited to participate in a research study involving CT imaging of the lungs. Requires four to five hours of time over one to two visits. Compensation. Call the Division of Physiologic Imaging at 384-7392 or e-mail joanie-wilson@uiowa.edu for information.
- Volunteers age 18 and older with chronic constipation are invited to participate in a research study to examine the association between methanogenic flora and constipation. Compensation. E-mail jessica-paulson@uiowa.edu or call 384-9756.
- The University of Iowa Hearing Aid Lab is conducting a study looking at the relationship between hearing, memory, and word learning in children. If your child is six years of age, he or she may be eligible to participate. Compensation. For more information, contact uiowa-hal@uiowa.edu.
- Healthy, right-handed individuals ages 18 to 45 are invited to participate in a functional brain study. Participants will have one MRI scan; total time commitment is less than two hours. Compensation. For more information, contact Ai Leo at 384-5570 or leo-ai@uiowa.edu.

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.