

H1N1

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feared. The positive outcome is primarily because the virus didn't mutate into a deadlier form. Even so, experts have praised the actions of the U.S. and Mexican governments and scientists who quickly developed an effective vaccine.

Criticizing the government for its intense response would be like chastising officials for building dikes in New Orleans to withstand a Category 5 hurricane and then seeing only a Category 3 come ashore, Osterholm said.

"The government did not overreact," said University of Michigan flu expert Dr. Arnold Monto, echoing Osterholm's point.

Whether it will stay quiet for the rest of the winter is hard to say, but some experts are begin-

ning to lean that way.

"If it's not dead, it's weakening fast. It's got one foot in the grave," said Dr. William Schaffner, a flu authority at Vanderbilt University.

A poll released Friday by the Harvard School of Public Health found that 44 percent of Americans believe the outbreak is over.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released numbers Friday showing most states continued to have only

occasional flu activity last week. However, only three states had absolutely no reports, and a CDC official cautioned that swine flu is still around and is likely to keep infecting people for weeks or months to come.

"We don't seem to be seeing the disappearance of this virus," said the official, Dr. Anne Schuchat.

Whether there will be another wave of swine flu — as was seen in the spring last year and again

in the early fall — is a much harder question, she added.

Her comments reflect a raging debate among scientists. One expert told The Associated Press he thinks a spike in H1N1 cases is likely by May, though perhaps a smaller one than last fall. Another said he did not expect another spike. A third predicted another wave, but not until next fall at the earliest. A fourth refused to even guess.

An estimated 70 million

Americans have been vaccinated against swine flu through a government campaign that started in October. Counting those who have already been infected and others who were vaccinated, perhaps 40 percent of the public has some immunity to the virus.

However, that means at least half of Americans don't have immunity, and there are many places that have not been hit hard by swine flu yet, some experts noted.

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Schedule of Events
The public is invited to attend Mass, basketball games, coronation, comedian/magician, and the tailgate party.
Sunday, February 7th
4:00pm – Homecoming Mass in Peace Chapel
10:00pm-12:00am – Bowling at Yankton Bowl & Family Fun Center
Monday, February 8th
10:00pm-12:00am – Ice Skating at Alcoa Ice Arena
Tuesday, February 9th
7:00pm-11:00pm – Laser Tag, Caricatures, Human Bowling, Wax Hands and more in Laddie E. Cimpl Arena
Wednesday, February 10th
6:00pm & 8:00pm – Lancer Basketball vs. Dakota Wesleyan at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena
Jam the Stands – Safari Theme
Thursday, February 11th
9:00pm – 5th Annual DodgeBall Tournament at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena
11:00pm – Free Movie Night at Yankton Mall Cinema
Friday, February 12th
5:30pm – Student Marty Gras Dinner in Main Dining Room
7:30pm – Royalty Reception in Bede Art Gallery
8:30pm – Coronation in Cybercafé
9:00pm – Comedian/Magician in Cybercafé
Saturday, February 13th
11:30am-1:00pm – Tailgate Party in Cybercafé, Tickets for anyone without a Mount Marty meal plan will be \$5.00 all-you-can-eat
2:00pm & 4:00pm – Lancer Basketball vs. Midland Lutheran at Laddie E. Cimpl Arena
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