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## PRESS RELEASE

Dear members of the Academy

Three months having gone by since the implementation of the Pandemic Influenza contingency plan we consider it essential to continue to provide updates on the development of the situations that occurred at UMa since November 17<sup>th</sup>, when the previous press release was on the matter was made public.

Although there was an increase of number of confirmed cases in the RAM during the previous month, only two situations regarding students was confirmed and another concerning a professor, which turned out to be negative. Under the measures provided for in the Contingency Plan, direct support was rendered to a student from another College on visit to the University.

The Operational group was aware of the existence of other Academy members with symptoms of Influenza, which however, were not confirmed as Pandemic Influenza and were, probably, due to seasonal influenza.

The support requested or considered appropriate was provided, proving it to be essential in terms of security and well-being, not only to those who needed it, but also to the Academy in general.

Once again, we welcome the civic consciousness and the spirit of cooperation that have been collectively shown, which allowed us to coordinate the measures introduced to face these situations and resulted in a more effective control of the spread of the disease.

The attention, monitoring and control provided for in the contingency plan will be kept and adjusted to the different scenarios that may arise.

We trust that the communication between the members of the Academy, the Rector and the Operational Group will continue to be implemented with celerity and in a trustful environment which is essential to go through the different stages of the pandemic Influenza, should this be the case, with more benefits than losses.



Faça-o por si e por todos... **Previna-se!!!**

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Together, we shall reinforce prevention in order to restrain the spread of the disease, thus placing emphasis on safety and well-being at UMa.

Merry Christmas and a Happy 2010.

Funchal, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009

The Operational Group



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