

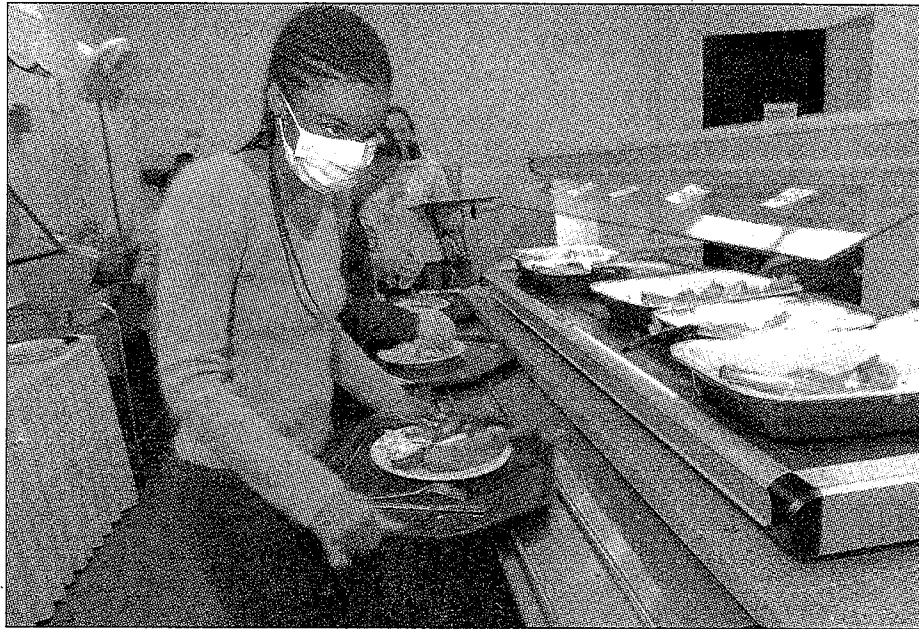
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U-M students cover mouths for flu study



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Nyla Holland, a University of Michigan junior from Southfield, wears a surgical mask as she gets dinner Tuesday at the Betsey Barbour residence hall. She and hundreds of other students are part of a flu study being done by the U-M School of Public Health.

Masked crusaders

Flu study starts for U-M students

BY GEOFF LARCOM
News Staff Reporter

Liliana LaValle and hundreds of University of Michigan students are wear-

ing surgical masks in dining areas, and dining areas, are an ideal setting to study the spread of such an airborne virus, the researchers say.

The study is funded by a \$1.3 million grant from the U.S. Centers for Disease

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Study still recruiting

sick and having your throat swabbed for a specimen is worth an extra \$25.

The project began this week, after the U-M Health Service reported a case of the flu on campus, the trigger to start the study. So far, more than 1,000 students are taking part, with about 650 of them wearing surgical masks, Aiello said. U-M is continuing to recruit students and hopes to get a sample size of more than 2,000.

Aiello said the study could help researchers know how to deal with a flu pandemic. "We're looking forward to getting this data and studying it," she said. "It's nice to be part of something that could make history."

LaValle, a freshman from Ann Arbor, said she's doing it for the money and because she's glad to help out with relevant medical research. She said some people who didn't volunteer were worried people would make fun of them