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With yesterday's news that seven cases of the H1N1 virus had been confirmed at Appalachian State's Camp Broadstone really hit home for one ASU student.

Appalachian State junior hospitality/tourism management major, Shane Anderson, said his roommate called him to let him know that he contracted swine flu while working at the camp.

Anderson said he saw his roommate last week before he left to work as a counselor at Camp Broadstone, and said he was acting fine.

Anderson said since learning that his roommate had been infected; he has decided to stay away from his apartment and stay with a friend. He explained, "When I first heard about it, I didn't think it was that big of a deal, but from what I hear, it's quite deadly and quite contagious, so I'm going to take precautions."

Only two deaths in North Carolina have been attributed to the swine flu so far.

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While only seven cases have been confirmed here in the High Country, a few tips to keep from spreading the flu are to stay home if you're sick, avoid close contact with people who are sick, wash your hands often, avoid touching your face, and cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.