



TO: All Students
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SUBJECT: H1N1
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The College is continuing to plan for the possible outbreak of H1N1 (swine flu) on campus. As you are aware, a number of preparations have taken place including the installation of hand sanitizing stations in public buildings, the dissemination of educational materials encouraging frequent hand washing and, the recommendation that you self isolate if you develop flu-like symptoms which include a temperature of 100 degrees or higher.

In order to better facilitate the care of students who develop H1N1 symptoms including a fever of 100 degrees or higher, a new portlet has been added to MyGCC. Students should use this portlet to do the following:

- Notify the Zerbe Health and Wellness Center of the student's flu-like symptoms including a fever of 100 degrees or higher
- Notify the resident student's RD of the student's self-isolation status (either on campus or returning home)
- Allow resident board students to request meal delivery if they are self-isolating on campus
- Initiate a Provost's excuse for the student's classes until the student returns to this portlet to inform the College his/her temperature has subsided for 24 hours

If you become ill with a cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, a headache, chills fatigue AND fever, please use the portlet to communicate your condition to those who need to know. Be sure to read and understand the honesty requirements for use of the portlet. Students are reminded that all missed class work, assignments and exams must be completed as soon as possible following their illness and that they are responsible for working out the details with their individual professors.

The current CDC recommendations ask people who have flu-like symptoms to self-isolate until their fever has been gone for 24 hours after the fever subsides without the use of fever reducing medication and that students contracting the flu self-isolate at home when possible. If it is not possible for a student to return home, surgical masks will be provided for the ill student to wear in order to minimize the potential virus spread to roommates and other students in the residence hall.

cc: GCC Faculty