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News and Events

Swine Flu Precautions

Human cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus have been identified in the United States. Like many institutions, GSU, is aware of the current increased risk of virus infection and is taking action to ensure public safety.

Influenza is thought to spread mainly person-to-person through coughing or sneezing by infected people. The symptoms of swine flu in people are similar to the symptoms of seasonal flu in humans and may include fever of greater than 100 degrees F, sore throat, cough, stuffy nose, chills, headache and body aches, and fatigue.

If you get sick, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that you stay home from work or school and limit contact with others to keep from infecting them. Seek medical care if you are severely ill.

According to the CDC, there are additional actions people can take to avoid catching or spreading infections such as swine flu. The CDC advises:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hands cleaners are also effective.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth. Germs spread that way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.

For more information about disease prevention and the swine flu, visit www.cdc.gov/swineflu.

Environmentally Friendly Day



The sun was shining and the breeze was light for GSU's Earth Week celebration and Permeable Paving parking lot dedication on Thursday, April 23. Member of the community joined the children from the Family Development Center and faculty and staff in Parking Lot B to learn ways to preserve and protect the environment.

Illinois Representative Lisa Dugan (D - 79th District) was also on hand to help dedicate the new environmentally friendly parking lots B and C.

Displays from a variety of vendors provided information about composting, wild animal rescue, and environmentally friendly products including hybrid vehicles and permeable paving. The Civil Service Senate served lunch.

2009 Scholarship Luncheon

Part of a whirlwind of activities on campus last Thursday, GSU's 2009 Scholarship Luncheon brought together students, donors, community members, and faculty and staff. The annual event celebrates and recognizes the achievements of student scholarship winners and the generosity of donors.

GSU's own Tony Labriola of Digital Learning and Media Design emceed the event. In addition to Tony's recognition of the donors who attended, he introduced four students (Toure Peck, Hector Santiago, Marion Shalor, and Dawn Voss) who gave personal testimonials regarding how receiving scholarships personally affected them.



Two very special, non-scholarship related recognitions also took place. President Maimon joined Tony in celebrating Shakespeare's birthday with appropriate quotes and a rousing rendition of *Brush Up Your Shakespeare* from the musical *Kiss Me Kate*. Illinois Representative Lisa Dugan also took to the lectern to issue a special proclamation in honor of GSU's 40th Anniversary.



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