In compliance with Centers for Disease Control recommendations, students should NOT attend class or any public gatherings while ill with influenza. Students with flu symptoms should not come to campus and should remain at home during recovery. The illness and self-isolation period will usually be about a week. It is very important that individuals avoid spreading the flu to others. Students will be given a reasonable opportunity to make up missed work. Students with the flu do not need to provide a physician's certification of illness. However, ill students should inform their instructor by submitting the GPC Illness Notification Form as soon as possible that they are absent because of the flu or flu-like symptoms: http://www.gpc.edu/absence. Students who are absent because of illness will have a reasonable opportunity to make up missed work. Generally, it is inappropriate to substitute for the missed assignment the weighting of a semester's work that does not include the missed assignment or exam. Completion of all assignments and exams assures the greatest chance for students to develop content mastery and to achieve the best overall course average. The opportunity to complete all assignments and exams supports the college's desire to enable students to make responsible situational decisions, including the decision to avoid spreading a contagious virus to other students, staff, and faculty, without endangering their academic work. The most effective strategies for avoiding the flu are hand-washing along with cough and cold etiquette procedures.

In the event that this course is no longer able to meet face-to-face for a period of time because of a wide-spread health emergency, students should continue to stay current with our schedule as posted in this syllabus. During this time, students will only be responsible for the material in the textbook (or posted on iCollege) and not for any additional material that would only have been presented in class. If we have an exam scheduled during this period of time when face-to-face meetings are suspended, the exam will be postponed until after classes resume. Information about the status of assignments and other course work due during this period will be addressed on the course iCollege site and by way of GPC email. This same notification system will also be used to announce any changes to the currently expected course of action. For additional resources, here is a link to the GPC libraries page: http://www.gpc.edu/library/index.htm.