



Swine Flu on campus

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Florida Gulf Coast University is reporting that a student tested positive for the H1N1 virus. Since it hasn't been officially confirmed through a state lab, the school isn't 100% sure but it's still taking precautions.

Right now, more than 5-thousand students are registered for summer classes at FGCU. One student is believed to have Swine Flu. Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Mike Rollo tells me FGCU is already taking actions. "The H1N1 is very contagious and so we want to make sure what we address it as quickly as possible," said Rollo. The university plans on ordering more hand sanitizer stations and will place them throughout campus.

Back in May, Spring Creek Elementary in Bonita Springs closed its doors after an 11-year-old at the school tested positive for the H1N1 virus. "At the time that school was closed, the CDC guidance was that schools should be closed if there were cases of swine flu," said Jennifer James-Mesloh of the Lee County Health Department. James-Mesloh tells me since then, that has changed. "They have since determined that maybe one or a few students that have H1N1 swine flu in a school population does not warrant enough of a risk to close the entire school," said James-Mesloh. She tells me CDC guidelines do not state that a specific number of students have to be diagnosed with Swine Flu in order for it to recommend that a school close. Instead, if the number is large enough that it interferes with how the school functions, then the Centers for Disease Control would recommend that the school close, but schools have the final say. The Health Department says it's glad FGCU is already following advice from the CDC and sticking to its guidelines.

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