March 6 Campus Update Regarding Coronavirus

To the University of Findlay Community:

With everyone returning from spring break, I wanted to take this opportunity to share some information about our planning and preparedness given the Coronavirus/COVID-19 situation. Since the health and safety of all members of our campus community is extremely important, I hope this information is helpful.

Currently, there are no suspected or confirmed cases at the University of Findlay. UF is maintaining regular communication with the Hancock County Public Health Department, and is following their guidance along with the guidance being provided to colleges and universities by the Ohio Department of Health, the U.S. Dept. of Education, and the <a href="National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. At this point, all these entities are advising that universities stress prevention tips and continue operations as normal (with the exception of international travel to affected areas). UF has canceled some upcoming international exchanges as a precaution, and is asking students, faculty, and staff to self-report to the Cosiano Health Center if they have traveled to an area where COVID-19 was present or if they believe they have any symptoms.

If you are wanting current information and guidance regarding COVID-19, we recommend you visit the following web sites:

- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- CDC'S Coronavirus Situation Summary
- CDC Travel Warning
- Frequently Asked Questions from CDC
- Ohio Department of Health
- Hancock County Public Health Department
- Updates from Ohio Department of Health
- OSHA Information for Workers and Employers
- Preventing COVID-19 Spread in Communities
- Prevention Actions: Stop the Spread of Germs Poster

Although there is no vaccine for COVID-19, we encourage you to adhere to the following prevention practices in order to combat the spreading of the virus:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

You should talk to your physician or the <u>Cosiano Health Center</u> if you feel ill, and especially if you have a fever. You should avoid contact with other people if sick.

The University of Findlay will continue to closely monitor this evolving situation, and will provide updates to the campus community as needed. Should you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the <u>Cosiano Health Center</u> at 419-434-4550 or the <u>Hancock County Public Health Department</u> at 419-424-7105.

Regards, Dave

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