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Dear University of Findlay Students, Faculty, and Staff:

Miami University of Ohio announced on January 28, 2020 that there were two suspected cases of novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in two students with travel from China. The students have been isolated and tested, awaiting results from the CDC.

There are currently no suspected cases at the University of Findlay. The threat to the general public, including students at the University of Findlay is still considered low. Members of Hancock Public Health have met with representatives of the University of Findlay to discuss the potential response should there be a suspected case at the university.

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), in coordination with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is closely monitoring the 2019 novel (new) coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China.

The first case in the United States was announced January 21, 2020 in Washington state, and [cases](#) have been confirmed in multiple states since then. There are ongoing investigations by the CDC and ODH to learn more. ODH is providing guidance to local health districts, healthcare providers, and state partners.

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing illness in people and others that circulate among animals, including camels, cats and bats. Rarely, animal coronaviruses can evolve and infect people and then spread between people such as has been seen with Middle East respiratory syndrome ([MERS](#)) in 2014 and severe acute respiratory syndrome ([SARS](#)) in 2003, and now with 2019-nCoV.

The United States started screening travelers arriving from Wuhan on January 17, 2020. Currently, CDC staff are conducting screening of travelers from China at 20 U.S. airports with quarantine stations.

If you are a student, faculty, or staff member planning to travel overseas (to China but also to other places), please follow the CDC Traveler's Health guidance [here](#).

If you have recently been to Wuhan, or other areas affected by the outbreak, or have come in contact with an infected individual, please contact the Cosiano Health Center at (419) 434-4550 or your healthcare provider if you experience these symptoms:

- Fever
- Shortness of breath
- Cough

Please call the Cosiano Health Center before visiting to tell them about your recent travel and symptoms.

If you are sick, always avoid contact with others to stop the spread of the virus and do not travel.



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The best preventive steps for any communicable disease include simple but important measures to practice as part of your daily routine, especially during flu season:

- Wash your hands for 20 seconds or more with soapy water. If unavailable, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home while you are sick (except to visit a healthcare professional) and avoid close contact with others.
- Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Receive adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system.

Health officials and administrators throughout the University of Findlay will continue to work closely with partners at both the Ohio Department of Health and our local health department to prepare for, screen, and prevent the spread of illness and keep our community safe. If the situation warrants, we will follow up with additional communication.

Helpful Resources

For more information about the novel coronavirus, including prevention, symptoms, etc., please visit www.cdc.gov and www.odh.ohio.gov as helpful resources.

Prevention Tips

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/about/prevention.html>

Novel Coronavirus - Travelers Health Information

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/watch/novel-coronavirus-china>

Sincerely,

Karim Baroudi, MPH, RS
Health Commissioner