
From: Braddix, D Andre on behalf of UMSL, Student Affairs
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To: UMSL, WIDE
Subject: Important notice about coronavirus

Dear Campus Community:

As you have likely seen on the news, there is growing concern related to a new coronavirus (2019-nCoV), a respiratory illness that was first identified in Wuhan, China. As of today, there are no reported cases that have any connection to UMSL nor have any cases been found in Missouri. While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) considers this a very serious public health threat, based on current information, the immediate health threat to the general American public is considered low. Nevertheless, campus officials and Health Services staff are closely monitoring this global health issue and are in communication with state and local public health entities.

The spread of this virus is believed to be similar to the spread of other respiratory viruses. All members of our campus community are reminded to take appropriate precautions (frequent handwashing, covering your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze with a tissue, avoid touching your eyes) to prevent spread of infectious disease. These precautions will help reduce your risk of many respiratory infections, including influenza (or flu) that is widespread across the nation.

Signs and symptoms of the coronavirus include fever, cough and difficulty breathing. If you have recently traveled to Wuhan or Hubei province and feel sick, you should seek medical care right away. Students can either access UMSL Health Services or visit a local hospital. Faculty and staff members who experience symptoms should contact their primary care providers to discuss symptoms and travel history. **Those who think they may have been exposed should call ahead before going to see a doctor or emergency room. This will allow medical personnel to be prepared for you when you arrive.** If you are not experiencing symptoms, there is no need to seek care at this time.

For more information about services and how to make an appointment at Health Services, please visit:
<https://www.umsl.edu/hcdas/health/index.html>

We thank you for your attention to this matter and wish you a healthy semester ahead.

Sincerely,

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