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## Update on Coronavirus Planning

Cardinal Family,

My team of senior leaders and I have been closely monitoring the development of the coronavirus, COVID-19, to ensure that our university is well-prepared for its potential impact. Our most important obligation is to make sure that all members of our university are informed and protected. This note is to share with you the measures we are taking so that the University of Louisville is fully prepared for whatever comes our way.

As you know, the first case of COVID-19 in Jefferson County was confirmed on Sunday. While this is the first case in our city, it will likely not be the last. **We have no reason to panic, but every reason to take precautions.**

- The COVID-19 Planning Committee has been meeting weekly for more than three weeks to stay abreast of major national coronavirus updates and to make initial recommendations for our communications and our community;
- Senior leadership is meeting daily to monitor the situation and to consider, develop and implement plans, as necessary, to keep the campus community safe;
- We have been reviewing the operational needs that may arise in the case that we need to cancel classes, move classes online, or otherwise limit access to campus. We do not believe this step is necessary at the present moment, but we are confident we can take the step as needed;
- UofL researchers are working on testing protocols and vaccine development to make a difference on the coronavirus here and abroad.

Here are some actions **you** can take as a member of our campus community:

- Visit UofL's dedicated [COVID-19 webpage](#) for regular updates;
- Check out the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section that addresses some of the most common questions;
- Follow proper handwashing and social distancing techniques outlined in the attached flier.

Because the situation is so fluid, we expect to make regular announcements about our plans, policies and procedures that will affect our students, faculty and staff.

As an important member of this Cardinal family, please take precautions to keep yourself and all of your fellow Cardinals safe and healthy in the coming days and weeks.

Go Cards!

Dr. Neeli Bendapudi, President  
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[Flu Prevention \(PDF\):](#)