

From: UofL Update,Service Account
Sent: Wednesday, January 29, 2020 8:28 AM
To: UofL Update,Service Account
Subject: From the Provost: UofL response to coronavirus

Cardinal Family,

UofL is closely monitoring an outbreak of a new coronavirus (2019-nCoV), which originated in Wuhan, a city in central China. The virus has quickly spread – more than 16 countries now have reported cases. To date, there have been at least five confirmed cases in the U.S., all involving individuals who recently traveled to the U.S. from Wuhan. UofL has no record of students, faculty or staff traveling to central China in the past 14 days, and as of now, **there is no known risk to the university community.**

Symptoms of the 2019-nCoV virus are similar to those of the flu or even a common cold, including fever and symptoms of lower respiratory illness such as cough and difficulty breathing. In some cases, the virus has led to lower respiratory tract illnesses, including bronchitis and pneumonia.

If you have recently traveled abroad and are experiencing these symptoms, you should see your doctor or call Campus Health Services immediately.

If you are experiencing these symptoms but have not recently traveled to an affected area, you mostly likely have a bad cold or the flu. Campus Health Services has confirmed cases of flu on campus that are unrelated to the coronavirus.

If you think you may have the flu, you can call Campus Health at 502-852-6479 (Belknap) or 502-852-6446 (Health Sciences). Staff at those locations can give you advice about what you can do to treat your illness. For more information, visit the [Campus Health Services](#) website.

All members of the UofL community are urged to follow the same strategies they would ordinarily use to protect themselves and others during a normal cold and flu season:

- If you have not gotten a flu shot, get one now
- Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly with soap and warm water, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- Cover coughs and sneezes
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home if you feel sick

For more information on the coronavirus, go to the [CDC coronavirus website](#).

Again, there is no known threat to our campus or community. We will continue to monitor the situation and will update you if we receive information that suggests there is reason for concern.

Beth A. Boehm
Executive Vice President and University Provost

From: UofL Update,Service Account
Sent: Friday, January 31, 2020 4:57 PM
To: UofL Update,Service Account
Subject: Update on UofL response to coronavirus

Cardinal Family,

We are aware that a member of the UofL community arrived in Louisville this week from a recent trip to China. This person, a non-student who shows no symptoms of the coronavirus, is working remotely and will be monitored for symptoms for 14 days. This step was taken to ensure the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff.

The individual was screened at the departure and arrival airports and cleared to proceed on the itinerary with the understanding that the individual is to self-monitor and report any symptoms. This is the current recommendation from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A second non-student who arrived this week from a vacation in southeast Asia also has not been allowed to return to campus. Out of an abundance of caution, that individual, who also shows no sign of the coronavirus, will work from home through a 14-day incubation period.

The university has informed the Louisville Health Department about both of these individuals and will continue to follow Health Department and CDC recommendations in handling any cases of individuals arriving from countries in which the virus has been confirmed.

Travel to China suspended

At this point, the university has suspended all official travel to China. In addition, following the CDC's recommendation, we discourage all non-essential personal travel to China.

The university will continue to monitor the situation. We will provide updates when we have more information.

Beth A. Boehm
Executive Vice President and University Provost