UofL students, faculty and staff,

We are aware that two members of the UofL community arrived in Louisville this week from a recent work-related trip to Italy and are now self-isolating in accordance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines.

These employees, who work on the Health Sciences Campus, show no signs of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19. They left Italy last week, well before the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued guidance March 3 asking travelers who recently returned to self-isolate. These individuals were on campus prior to the CDC recommendation that they self-isolate but now are self-isolating for 14 days, as recommended by the CDC. The university has notified individuals who are known to have been in close contact with them. At this time, per CDC guidance, they have been informed that they do not need to take any special precautions.

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.

We are also aware that other members of the UofL community traveling for personal reasons to Level 3 countries have recently returned to the United States. We are aware of one individual who returned to campus before self-isolating, but none of them show symptoms of COVID-19.

To reiterate: We see no evidence of illness in any of the individuals who have returned from CDC-designated Level 3 countries.

UofL knows of no other university travelers to Level 3 countries. While no student or employee is required to register personal travel with the university, UofL emphasizes that all travelers follow CDC guidance. We also encourage everyone to review the CDC’s guidance for prevention. These guidelines and more information is available on the UofL Campus Health Services’ COVID-19 website at http://louisville.edu/campushealth/information/coronavirus-ncov2019-information.

Finally, to help reduce the spread of any illness, including the flu, health care professionals suggest taking the following steps:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- 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 using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
  - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

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