



**MESSAGE SENT TO UNIVERSITY STUDENTS
2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION**

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Dear Students,

As you have likely heard, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently reported cases of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV), a newly identified coronavirus that is causing an outbreak of pneumonia illness in countries around the world. This virus was first identified in December 2019 in the city of Wuhan, Hubei Province, China.

There have been no confirmed cases in Pennsylvania and the likelihood of an outbreak on our campus remains low. Nevertheless, there are a number of practices that Student Health Services recommends to help prevent the spread of all viruses on campus. Here are everyday actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- 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.
- Get a flu vaccine.

More information about 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) can be found on the [Student Health Services website](#). Student Health Services remains available to answer any questions that you may have about your specific situation.

The University will continue to monitor the situation, and update you if the circumstances surrounding the current situation change.

Sincerely,

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