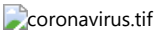




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Body	<p>Dear Students,</p> <p>You may be hearing about an outbreak of a virus in the news, and we would like to take this time to share some additional information and prevention tips. The 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a virus identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness. The virus causes a pneumonia-like illness, cough, shortness of breath, and fever. It was first detected in Wuhan, China and has not been actively spreading in the United States at this time.</p> <p>The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus. Right now, 2019-nCoV has not been found to be an immediate risk to those living in the United States. There have been 5 confirmed cases so far, all in travelers from Wuhan, China. There is active monitoring at international airports and in Wuhan to prevent ill travelers from spreading the illness. At this time, travel to Hubei Province, China, including Wuhan is not advised. The College is continuing to monitor the situation and will send out updates to the campus community as needed.</p> <p>As a reminder, there are preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, as well as the flu, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based 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 and wash your hands. • Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. <p>As always, if you are not feeling well, please call the Wellness Center at 508-767-7329 or make an appointment online. We offer first aid kits and hand sanitizer if you would like to have one. As a reminder, we are in the middle of flu season, an illness you are much more likely to be impacted by. It is not too late to get a flu shot if you have not received one yet. The formulation has been shown to be effective every year.</p> <p>For more information on the Coronavirus visit the following links: The World Health Organization (https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019) Centers for Disease Control (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html)</p> <p>Wishing you a happy and healthy semester,</p> <p>Sarah Sherwood Director, Student Health Services</p> <p></p>
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