

Dear UVA Students, Faculty, and Staff:

This email provides an update on the University's ongoing efforts regarding coronavirus. It contains new information that is primarily important to those who have traveled from Hubei province or mainland China since Jan. 19, 2020.

The guidance below outlines requirements that have been issued by the federal government and guidance from the University of Virginia. In addition, this email also provides advice for faculty and students in the event that classroom adjustments or accommodations are necessary.

As you are no doubt aware, the federal government has announced important new policies related to coronavirus. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued temporary measures that are intended to aid efforts to detect and combat the coronavirus. These measures went into effect Sunday, Feb. 2, at 5 p.m. and include:

- Any U.S. citizen returning to the U.S. who has been in Hubei province in the previous 14 days will be subject to up to 14 days of mandatory quarantine to ensure they are provided proper medical care and health screening and to minimize the risk of spreading the disease to others.
- Any U.S. citizen returning to the U.S. who has been in the rest of mainland China within the previous 14 days will undergo proactive entry health screening at a select number of ports of entry and up to 14 days of monitored self-quarantine to ensure they have not contracted the virus and do not pose a public health risk.
- Foreign nationals, other than immediate family members of U.S. citizens and permanent residents, who have traveled to China within the last 14 days will be denied entry into the U.S. for this time.

In addition to making you aware of these federal policies, we are making the following requests of faculty, students, and staff:

## *If you have traveled in Hubei province, China, between Jan. 19 and Feb. 2 and returned to the U.S.:*

- **STUDENTS:** Contact Student Health at 434-924-5362 (434-297-4261 after hours).
- FACULTY AND STAFF: Contact your primary care physician via telephone or email.
- We request that you self-isolate for a period of 14 days since your return from China. During this period, we ask that you not go to work, classes or athletic events, and that you limit contact with others as much as possible.

# *If you have traveled in mainland China between Jan. 19 and Feb. 2 and returned to the U.S., or had close contact with someone you believe to have coronavirus:*

- We ask that you take your temperature twice a day and remain alert for fever, coughs, or difficulty breathing.
- If you develop these symptoms:
  - **STUDENTS** should contact Student Health right away: 434-924-5362 (434-297-4261 after hours).
  - **FACULTY AND STAFF** should contact their primary care physician via telephone or email.
  - We ask that you self-isolate pending further instructions from medical professionals. If employees have questions about leave, they can contact the HR Solution Center at 434-243-3344 or <u>askhr@virginia.edu</u>.

#### If you are a student who self-isolates:

• Contact your instructors via email or telephone to discuss appropriate class adjustments or accommodations.

## *If you are an instructor with a student who self-isolates and who asks for class adjustments:*

- We ask that you consider appropriate adjustment or accommodation.
- Examples include:
  - Allowing students to <u>Zoom</u> into class lectures or use lecturecapture technology to record lectures.
  - Granting some flexibility with course attendance policies.
  - Helping secure a copy of course notes.
  - Modifying deadlines for assignments or exams that normally take place during the course meeting time.

Faculty members who have questions about how to make appropriate adjustments/accommodations may find assistance with the Student Disability Access Center by emailing <u>SDAC@virginia.edu</u>.

We recognize that many of you are receiving questions from students or have questions of your own related to the coronavirus. If so, here are some resources that will provide additional information:

- Frequently Asked Questions
- Preparations and response: Email UVA Emergency Management: <u>uvaem@virginia.edu</u>
- Personal and general health questions:
  - STUDENTS: Email Student Health & Wellness: studenthealth@virginia.edu
  - FACULTY AND STAFF:
    - Contact your medical provider for personal health questions
    - General questions: Call 434-297-4027
    - Academic policy-related inquiries: Contact the Office of the Provost (provost@virginia.edu)

A team of University officials continues to closely monitor this evolving global public health situation. We remain committed to keeping our community informed about the University's actions and the best way to stay healthy as events develop. Thank you to everyone who is working together to keep the University community safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

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### WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid sharing anything that has come in contact with saliva, whether in your living or social environments.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Get adequate sleep and eat well-balanced meals to ensure a healthy immune system.
- Additional information is available from the <u>CDC</u>.
- Stay informed about University guidance: See the University's regularly updated <u>FAQs on coronavirus</u>.

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