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Dear Campus Community,

Millersville University is currently monitoring an outbreak of the coronavirus in the Wuhan province of China. There have been no reported cases of the virus in Pennsylvania.

The [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) has issued a warning to avoid non-essential travel to the region. As a result, all MU-related travel to the region, and country, has been delayed or canceled until further notice. We will continue assessing the information over the coming weeks. At this time there are no known MU activities in the region, and there are no direct risks to the campus.

If you have recently traveled to Wuhan province, or China in general, and are exhibiting any symptoms, please contact [Health Services](#), or your primary care physician, immediately.

### **Symptoms:**

The [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#) has extensive information on the virus and symptoms, which include fever, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, coughing and pneumonia. If you are showing signs of these symptoms and have been traveling or in contact with someone who has been traveling in the Asia-Pacific region, seek medical attention immediately.

### **How is it transmitted?**

The 2019-nCoV is believed to have originated in a market selling seafood, meat and live animals, though Chinese officials have confirmed that it is also transmissible person-to-person. 2019-nCoV has an incubation period of 14 days.

### **Recommendations:**

WHO's standard recommendations for the general public to reduce exposure to and transmission of a range of illnesses are as follows, which include hand and respiratory hygiene, and safe food practices:

- Frequently clean hands by using alcohol-based hand rub or soap and water;
- When coughing and sneezing cover mouth and nose with flexed elbow or tissue – throw tissue away immediately and wash hands;
- Avoid close contact with anyone who has fever and cough;
- If you have fever, cough and difficulty breathing seek medical care early and share previous travel history with your health care provider;
- When visiting live markets in areas currently experiencing cases of novel coronavirus, avoid direct unprotected contact with live animals and surfaces in contact with animals;

- The consumption of raw or undercooked animal products should be avoided. Raw meat, milk or animal organs should be handled with care, to avoid cross-contamination with uncooked foods, as per good food safety practices.

If you have any questions or concerns, students are encouraged to contact Health Services at 717-871-5250 or [hservices@millersville.edu](mailto:hservices@millersville.edu). Faculty and staff with questions and concerns should contact their primary care physician.

Warm regards,

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