

Novel Coronavirus (China)

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The Henry Wise Wellness Center is actively monitoring the outbreak of respiratory illness caused by the novel coronavirus (termed “2019-nCoV”). The new coronavirus was first detected in Wuhan City, China in December 2019.

There are no confirmed case of novel coronavirus in Maryland as of 01/28/2020. One patient met criteria for testing for the novel coronavirus but the case has not been confirmed.

The Wellness Center is in communication with the Prince George’s County Health Department and will share information as it becomes available.

Standard Recommendations:

- If you have had recent international travel monitor for symptoms for 14 days after return.
- If you do feel sick with fever, cough or shortness of breath during that 14 day period, you should seek medical attention right away. Call the doctor’s office and let them know ahead of time your symptoms, and your exposure.
- Avoid contact with others.
- If you cough, cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or cough into a sleeve.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water. Or use alcohol based hand sanitizer.

University Measures:

- Send a campus-wide communication about 2019 novel coronavirus, including guidance for members with chronic or underlying medical conditions.
- The Wellness Center is screening patients for potential cases of novel Coronavirus. Individuals who fit the CDC guidelines for possible novel coronavirus infection will be tested by the CDC laboratory.
- Individuals visiting the Wellness Center are being screened during their appointment for recent international travel, and will be asked about their health and travel history.
- Flu activity is high. Anyone who has not received an influenza vaccine, is strongly encouraged to do so.
- Increased cleaning of high touch surfaces and restrooms in university buildings and residence halls and Student Center.

FAQ for Coronavirus see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

Maryland Department of Health Updates see <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/Pages/Novel-coronavirus.aspx>