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March 12, 2020

Dear Clarion University community,

We are continuing to carefully monitor the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), a potentially serious respiratory illness. The health and safety of our students, faculty and staff are our primary concern. As the situation continues to rapidly evolve, I, working with a campus team, have made the determination to **suspend all face-to-face instruction until further notice, effective Monday, March 16.**

Classes will continue, but they will be delivered in an online or alternative format. Individual faculty members will determine how their classes will be delivered. **Face-to-face instruction is prohibited.** Students can be assured that they will be able to complete the credits for which they are registered, and graduating seniors will be able to complete their programs.

By suspending face-to-face instruction, we are giving students the choice to complete their classwork from home or to stay on campus. We advise students to talk with their families to make the best decision for their individual situations.

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During this time, **all campus offices and services will remain open**, including student housing, limited dining services, library services and other student services. If students who live in campus housing choose to leave campus, they will not be able to return until normal university operations resume. Additional information about housing is forthcoming.

The day-to-day administrative operation of the university will continue, and university staff will report to work as usual. We ask all staff to continue healthy practices that will minimize the possibility of the spread of the virus. Sick employees are advised to stay home. Managers are prepared to work with employees so that they will not be adversely affected.

All university events are canceled until further notice. Information regarding athletics is forthcoming.

No cases of coronavirus have been reported on campus or in any of the counties where campuses are located. The decision to suspend face-to-face instruction is data-driven and will allow the university community to abide by guidelines to slow the spread of coronavirus. We are making decisions according to the best information we have and adapting as we move forward.

Students, for specific questions related to work study or student employment, contact your supervisor.

Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dale

CLARION UNIVERSITY HAS NO KNOWN CASES OF CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) AT THIS TIME

It is of the highest importance to maintain the health and safety of our students. We continue to monitor the outbreak of coronavirus, and will continue to update you as new information is available through this website. Please keep in mind that the situation is rapidly evolving. Additional information about COVID-19 is available and consistently updated from the following sources:

- [PA Department of Health](#)
- [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#)
- [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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No, there are currently no known cases of coronavirus at Clarion University.

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WHAT IS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (2019-NCOV)?

2019-nCoV is a newly identified coronavirus that is causing an outbreak of pneumonia illness. It was first identified in December 2019 in the city of Wuhan, Hubei Province, China.

Since then, the virus has been identified in multiple other countries, including cases in the U.S.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), [human coronaviruses](#) are common throughout the world and usually cause mild to moderate illness in people. This new virus is a public health concern because:

- It is newly identified, so much is still unknown about it.
- Two other human coronaviruses, MERS-CoV and SARS-CoV, have caused severe illness.

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- [CDC Travel Guidelines](#)
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If you have any of these symptoms and have traveled to an area of sustained or widespread transmission, call the Center for Wellness immediately at [\(814-393-2121\)](tel:814-393-2121) and they will advise you regarding next steps. Do not go to the Center for Wellness or any other health care provider, without calling first if you have concerns that you may be affected.

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Symptoms may be flu-like, ranging from mild to serious, and include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Difficulty breathing.

Person-to-person spread is occurring, although it's unclear exactly how it is transmitted and how easily the virus spreads between people.

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IF YOU TRAVEL TO/THROUGH WUHAN OR OTHER PARTS OF CHINA:

The CDC recommends [avoiding non-essential travel to Wuhan, China](#). Chinese officials have closed transport within and out of Wuhan, including buses, subways, trains, and the airport. If you must travel:

- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid animals (alive or dead), animal markets, and products that come from animals (such as uncooked meat).
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.
- Older adults and travelers with underlying health issues may be at risk for more severe disease and should discuss travel to Wuhan with their health care provider.

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TREATMENT:

People infected with 2019-nCoV should receive supportive care to help relieve symptoms. Currently, there is no specific antiviral treatment recommended for 2019-nCoV infection (source: [CDC](#)).

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PREVENTION:

There is no vaccine to prevent this virus, and the CDC advises that the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

Currently, 2019-nCoV has not been found to be spreading in the U.S., so there are no additional precautions recommended for the general public to take.

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.

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RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS:

If you have symptoms of fever, cough, and/or difficulty breathing and in the last 14 days you:

- Traveled to Wuhan, or
- Visited an affected region in China, or
- Had close contact with someone who had traveled to an affected region in China and had respiratory symptoms.

You should:

- Seek medical care right away. Before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and your symptoms.
- Clarion University students may **call** the Center for Wellness, Health Services at [\(814\) 393-2121](tel:8143932121) Monday-Friday from 8:30 am-4:45 pm.
- Those who are in the Clarion area but are not Clarion University students should call their healthcare provider or the PA Department of Health at [\(814\)226-2170](tel:8142262170).
- Avoid contact with others.
- Do not travel while sick. Please do not get on public transportation or just arrive at the Center for Wellness. Call instead [\(\(814\) 393-2121\)](tel:8143932121).
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

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The Health Center, located in the Center for Wellness, is screening every student who comes to the health center about any recent travel and any symptoms they may have.

For questions, call [814-393-2684](tel:814-393-2684)

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