



## Message to Campus Regarding Novel Coronavirus (January 28, 2020)

City University of Seattle continues to closely monitor the evolving novel coronavirus outbreak in Wuhan, China and the effect it is having throughout the world. There is only one case of confirmed novel coronavirus infection in Washington State, and in Canada there is one confirmed case in British Columbia. Neither are related to the CityU community. Recent reports regarding University of Washington involve three students who recently traveled to Wuhan and who are being tested as a precautionary measure only. While there are no known cases within City University of Seattle, we are concerned with the developments surrounding this infectious disease and want to ensure our community that we are taking the appropriate precautions.

For our students studying in China, all University activities in China have been temporarily suspended by the Ministry of Education. All sponsored CityU faculty and staff travel has been halted until further notice.

For our students studying in Vietnam and Mexico, our partner schools will provide direct information to students regarding scheduled classes and activities. For faculty and staff scheduled to travel to Vietnam and Mexico, we are closely monitoring the situation within each country and will communicate directly with affected personnel as information becomes available.

In the U.S. and Canada we will continue to follow guidance issued by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>, the British Columbia Centre for Disease Control <http://www.bccdc.ca/about/news-stories/stories/2020/information-on-novel-coronavirus>, and Alberta Health <https://www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans.aspx>. All three health agencies state that the immediate risk to the public is low at this time.

We are asking everyone to take steps we always recommended to protect yourself and others, and to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, especially during cold and flu season:

- Stay home when you are sick to prevent others from being exposed to your illness.
- If you see a health care provider for fever and cough, ask for a surgical mask to help prevent spread of infection when in the health care setting.
- Cover your mouth and nose with your elbow or a tissue when you cough or sneeze, and immediately dispose of the tissue.
- Wash your hands often and avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched.

If you have recently traveled to Wuhan, China, (within 14 days) and are having fever and respiratory symptoms (such as coughing or shortness of breath), contact your primary care provider. Call your health care provider before arriving so they can prepare for your visit.

We will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as appropriate.