

Subject: An update on coronavirus prevention and preparedness

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Columbus State students, faculty and staff,

The College is reaching out in the wake of increasing focus on U.S. exposure to coronavirus to let our community know we are committed to prevention and preparedness as any potential impact evolves.

We encourage students, faculty and staff to continue to engage in common-sense behavior to prevent the spread of respiratory transmitted illness, including frequent hand-washing, covering coughs and sneezes, seeking medical attention and otherwise staying home if you are sick, and maintaining distance from those exhibiting symptoms. Coronavirus (COVID-19) symptoms can be indistinguishable from the common cold or influenza, both of which are currently prevalent. There are currently no reported COVID-19 infections in Ohio.

The College stands ready to respond appropriately to COVID-19 exposure should it impact our community, just as we would with any threat to safety and wellbeing. We are actively examining our preparedness plans and stay in close contact with local and state health department officials to monitor the situation and take action if necessary. The College currently has no international travel planned; for personal travel, we strongly advise all students, faculty and staff to follow travel alerts from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), the [U.S. Department of State \(DOS\)](#) and the [U.S. Department of Homeland Security \(DHS\)](#).

In addition to these measures, the College urges students, faculty and staff to obtain a flu shot as soon as possible if they have not already done so for the season.

We will continue to communicate electronically with any updates. If you have not already done so, please consider signing up for Columbus State's [emergency notification system](#) to receive urgent updates by text and email. Thank you for your time and attention to this message.