

## Important information for students regarding COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

We know that you must be concerned about COVID-19A and how the University is responding. As you know, Dr. Botzman had assembled a senior administrative team consisting of Kit Foley (Vice President of Student Life), David Rehm (Vice President of Academic Affairs), Mark VanEtten (Vice President of Finance and Administration), and Bob Zavada (Director of Campus Safety/Emergency Response and Preparedness) to continue to monitor all developments regarding the progress of Covid-19, the coronavirus. We will make sure that we send regular communication until such point as we deem such frequent updates are no longer necessary.

**In the past several days and over the next several days, the following steps have been/will be taken to better prepare the campus:**

- Sanitizing all residence halls, classrooms, and other common areas which are difficult to clean when campus is full. This is being done during the week of March 2-March 8. This process will continue each week following as long as the Coronavirus remains a risk.
- Inspection of campus buildings and facilities confirming the location and functionality of all hand sanitizing dispensers. Determining the most effective locations that additional units need to be added or where individual bottles can be distributed.
- Urging everyone to properly wash hands – 20 seconds (2 times singing “Happy Birthday”) with soap. (Water does not need to run the entire time.) See the CDC site – When and How to Wash Your Hands: <https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/when-how-handwashing.html> Informational flyers to be posted in restrooms and other areas.
- Communicating with all employees and students to alert them to relevant health protocols for prevention.

**As you prepare to return to campus this weekend and early next week, please keep in mind the following:**

- Have Clorox wipes available so as to wipe down surfaces in your rooms.
- Use hand sanitizer regularly, remember it is available in all campus buildings. You may also want to bring some back with you.
- Observe 6-foot rule. Try to stay 6 feet away from others so as not to spread germs.
- Cough into your elbow.
- If you have a fever, please stay at home. You must be fever free for 24 hours (without relying on medicine) before returning to campus. Faculty are aware of this request.
- If ill, please seek immediate treatment from your primary care physician; **DO NOT WAIT.** *If you are exhibiting symptoms of the virus (shortness of breath, fever, and coughing),* make sure to call your primary care physician before going to see them.
- **No student should come to campus with a fever.**
- If you have questions, please contact the Student Life Office at 570-674-6238.

We will continue communications as appropriate.

Sincerely,

Kit Foley, David Rehm, Mark VanEtten, Bob Zavada