

## Update on Coronavirus Response

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Dear Campus Community,

We would like to take this opportunity to make the campus aware of the university's response to the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), which is a situation that is evolving daily. University leadership is in frequent contact with the UC Office of the President, Riverside County Public Health, our fellow UC campuses, clinical partners, and elected officials to monitor the situation, to ensure that all appropriate precautions are taken, and to respond quickly and effectively as matters arise.

There are no confirmed 2019-nCoV cases in Riverside or the UC Riverside campus.

### **UCR Response**

The Student Health Center has implemented a thorough screening process, along with a dedicated Nurse line for remote consultations. Our Housing and Dining team has increased the number of hand sanitizers on campus. Our Environmental Health & Safety and Student Health teams are collaborating to raise awareness of best hygiene and flu prevention practices. Moreover, our Risk Management team is working with registered travelers to ensure their whereabouts and prepare for any needed changes in their travel plans.

### **Travel Restrictions/Registration**

In response to the U.S. Department of State's level 4 travel advisory, University of California President Janet Napolitano has directed the UC community to temporarily avoid all non-essential travel to China. Please take a few moments to review the details of [UCR's response](#) to the directive and how we are defining essential travel for faculty, staff, and students.

We strongly recommend that all students and employees register their university business travel with [UC Away](#), in order to fully leverage the benefits and protections in case an incident arises that requires medical care, evacuation, or other essential services.

### **Appropriate Treatment of Fellow Students and Employees**

During this critical time, it is imperative that all students, faculty, and staff uphold a campus culture of respect. Despite any anxiety we may feel with regard to this health

scare, there is no justification for unwarranted mistreatment or discriminatory behavior against others.

If any member of the campus community experiences mistreatment or is a witness to this inappropriate behavior, students should make a report to [deanofstudents@ucr.edu](mailto:deanofstudents@ucr.edu), [and employees should consult with their direct supervisor](#).

Importantly, UCR strives to reinforce a respectful, safe community through our [Principles of Community](#) and [student conduct policies](#).

### **Additional Information and Resources**

Please continue to visit the [Environmental Health & Safety](#) website, which is being updated often with new information, frequently asked questions, and best practices to protect yourself. Please also take a few moments to review [this video](#) featuring Brandon Brown, epidemiologist in the UCR School of Medicine, where he answers common questions about coronavirus.

We will continue to update the campus community as new information becomes available that may impact our students, faculty, and staff.

Sincerely,

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