Dear Members of the UNH Community,

The global outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19) is a rapidly changing situation and university officials are in constant contact with state and federal authorities for the latest information. As you know, university students and staff involved in study abroad programs in Italy and South Korea have or will soon return to the U.S. Although there is not currently a recommendation that individuals who have traveled to countries other than China self-quarantine, these recommendations could change as the CDC adapts its response and traveler monitoring procedures to this rapidly changing epidemic.

Students returning to the U.S. from their study abroad sites will not be taking campus-based courses; they will receive online courses to accommodate this disruption in their studies. We have asked the students and anyone returning to the U.S. from a country other than China with a travel advisory for COVID-19 to follow current CDC guidelines in monitoring their health.

Because COVID-19, and all respiratory illnesses, are most commonly spread through respiratory droplets, residents should take the same precautions as those recommended to prevent the spread of influenza:

- Stay home and avoid public places when sick (i.e. social distancing)
- Cover mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing
- Wash hands frequently
- Avoid being within 6 feet (close contact) of a person who is sick
- Avoid sharing drinks, smoking/vaping devices or other utensils or objects that may transmit saliva
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces with household cleaning sprays and wipes

Your safety and well-being remain our top priority. We will continue to send updates as appropriate with information specific to our community but encourage everyone to monitor the latest news from trusted health sources. These include the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and UNH Health & Wellness. There are currently no recommended restrictions on travel within the U.S., but this is an emerging situation. For all travel we recommend reviewing information from the U.S. State Department and the CDC.

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