Dear Members of the UNH Community—

The university has been monitoring closely the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and providing regular updates as the situation evolves. Senior leadership and members of the university’s emergency management group are working around the clock on contingency preparations and response, meeting daily, updating plans, consulting with colleagues in the University System of New Hampshire and following guidance from state health officials. We continue to align our recommendations with and follow guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization and the N.H. Department of Health and Human Services. We would like to share the following information.

Members of the faculty have been asked to begin planning for how they would continue to teach their classes after break in the event there is a disruption in classes. To be clear, no decision has been made about the weeks after spring break. As part of our preparations, we are doing contingency planning which could include options to continue courses online, adjust semester schedules, curtail classes or close the campus. Please monitor your UNH email regularly as we will share decisions as soon as they are made.

- The CDC now recommends that travelers, particularly those with underlying health issues (heart disease, chronic lung disease, diabetes and other conditions that cause suppression of the immune system), defer all cruise ship travel worldwide. In addition, older adults and travelers with underlying health issues should avoid situations that increase their risk of acquiring infections. This includes avoiding crowded places, avoiding non-essential travel such as long plane trips, and especially avoiding cruise ship travel.
- Travelers returning from countries with CDC risk category Level 3 or higher are advised to maintain 14-day self-isolation with monitoring for symptoms of illness and not return to campus. They are to practice social distancing and should not come to campus. If significant fever (temperature >100.4), cough or shortness of breath were to develop, they should call their PCP or UNH Health & Wellness for guidance.
- Regardless of your travel destination over spring break or later in the semester, you should not be traveling if you are sick. Many airports have health screenings. Travelers could run the risk of additional health assessments, health monitoring, restricted movements including the need to self-isolate in place or upon return, or limited contact with others if they exhibit symptoms or the travel rating increases.
- All members of the UNH community at home and abroad should abide by universal health precautions. They are posted on UNH Health & Wellness’ Coronavirus (COVID-19) page.
- If there is a confirmed or presumptive positive case of COVID-19 illness identified in a UNH student, staff or faculty member, the campus will be informed with details and recommendations. In the more likely instance of a UNH community member coming in close
contact with a person who is later diagnosed with COVID-19 infection please review recommendations here.

Your safety and well-being remain our top priority and we will continue to share updates as they become available. To be clear, the CDC and WHO have not issued directives for action at this time. Their recommendation remains to follow good hygiene and limit travel if you have a susceptibility or are in an at-risk population. Check our coronavirus page regularly for updates and please monitor your UNH email regularly as changes are happening rapidly.

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