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TO: MSU faculty, staff and students

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Dear Spartan community:

The outbreak of the new coronavirus in Wuhan, China, is attracting significant media attention, and international and domestic public health authorities are working diligently to stop the spread of the infection.

Amid this media coverage, MSU leaders recognize members of the campus community are concerned about the threat this disease could pose to campus. It is important to note that the risk of being exposed to coronavirus at MSU (or anywhere in the United States) is very low.

The University Physician and the Office of International Health and Safety are closely monitoring this evolving situation. The university also is following guidance by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organization. At this time, there are no changes to any MSU programs, and there are currently no programs or personnel with registered travel in the affected region in China.

The [CDC has issued a Watch Level 3 Alert](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/pubs/gl/index.htm) and is advising Americans to avoid nonessential travel to the affected region in China (not the entire country). In general, all travelers should:

- Practice good hygiene including washing hands regularly with soap and water and/or using hand sanitizer.
- Be prepared for enhanced screening procedures at major airports which may cause travel delays.
- Seek guidance from the [MSU Travel Clinic](https://travel.msu.edu) if you have specific questions or concerns on travel to China.

Thank you.