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Dear Texas Tech University Community,

We continue to monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The symptoms are similar to the flu and include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. If you or someone you know with travel exposure develops symptoms, please seek urgent medical attention. At this time, there are no confirmed or suspected cases among the Texas Tech University community, including those who are currently studying and working outside the United States. Nevertheless, it is always important to wash your hands regularly and use the hand sanitizer stations located through the high-traffic areas of our campus. You should avoid contact with people who are sick, and stay home if you have respiratory illness or a fever.

The health and safety of all students, faculty, and staff at Texas Tech University are our top priority, and we are taking a proactive approach to this situation. Sukant Misra, Vice Provost for [International Affairs](#), is in regular contact with those who are currently abroad and will provide ongoing updates as the situation continues to develop. We will provide additional information on spring break and summer semester study abroad programs as we receive additional information.

As you plan for personal or business travel, we urge you to [follow the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases](#). The CDC has issued travel guidance related to COVID-19, limiting all non-essential travel to China, Iran, Italy, and South Korea. They are also closely monitoring travel to Japan and Hong Kong. Up-to-the-minute travel notices from the CDC are available on their [website](#).

For faculty and staff matters related to COVID-19, please contact [Rob Stewart](#) (faculty) at (806) 742-2184 or [Jodie Billingsley](#) (staff) at (806) 742-3851. Students should direct questions and concerns to [Student Health Services](#) at (806) 743-2848. For those who are currently abroad, please contact [Whitney Longnecker](#) in the Office of International Affairs at (806) 834-0676.

Additional information is available from the [CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 website](#). We will also begin sharing regular updates on the [TTU Coronavirus Disease 2019 website](#).

Sincerely,

Lawrence Schovanec
President
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