



# Office of the President

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

January 27, 2020

Dear NAU Community,

NAU and Coconino County Health Department and Human Services (CCHHS) are closely watching the spread of the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV). As you may know, health officials announced a confirmed case in Phoenix over the weekend in an individual who recently returned from travel to Wuhan, China. No cases have been confirmed in Coconino County. We have been working in close collaboration with health officials since news of the virus began reaching the United States several weeks ago. We are prepared to respond if needed.

People in Arizona are not considered to be at risk of infection if they have not recently traveled to Wuhan, China, or been in close contact with someone who is under evaluation for a novel coronavirus infection. We encourage any members of the NAU community who have recently traveled to Wuhan, China, and are experiencing respiratory illness to seek medical care immediately. Before seeking care, call ahead to inform them of your symptoms and your recent travels. Symptoms of coronavirus may include fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

NAU will continue to work with public health officials to keep our campus community informed with the CDC's best practices for staying healthy and providing updates as new information is available.

As a reminder, CCHHS recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of all respiratory viruses. These actions include:

- Get a seasonal flu shot.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.

- Cover your mouth with your upper sleeve or with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Guidance for travelers is available at <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices/watch/novel-coronavirus-china>. More information about 2019-nCoV is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>.

Sincerely,

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