

MSU Community,

Forwarded below is an email I just sent to our students. We will be using other forms of communication (social media, etc) in the coming days to further spread this kind of information to our students, and will further be communicating as necessary in the days ahead as the situation with COVID-19 evolves. Please encourage students to follow the basic precautions as outlined below, and, of course, I would ask all of us as faculty and staff to do the same. With Spring Break around the corner and a lot of forthcoming travel, now is an especially good time for these reminders.

Finally, I would ask our faculty to be flexible in working with students who are ill and absent from classes. Now is certainly an important time to encourage anyone who might be ill to stay home. I have asked Dr. Geller to have this conversation with academic chairs during their next meeting.

Thanks much,
Steve

From: "Shirley, Steven" <steven.shirley@minotstateu.edu>
Date: Monday, March 2, 2020 at 4:47 PM
To: MiSU Students <all-students@minotstateu.edu>
Subject: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

MSU Students,

The ND Department of Health reports there have been zero cases of 2019 Novel Coronavirus reported in North Dakota, but our campus is remaining vigilant and prepared. This is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available. The latest updates are on the [CDC WEBSITE](#) or the [NDDOH WEBSITE](#).

Please follow standard precautions to help prevent the spread of all respiratory illnesses:

- **Avoid contact with sick people.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.**
- **Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60%–95% alcohol. If hands are visibly dirty, use soap and water rather than sanitizer.**
- **It is especially important to wash hands after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.**
- **Stay home if you are ill and communicate with your instructors.**
- **If you have traveled to an affected region with COVID-19 in the past 14 days and have symptoms of fever, cough, and shortness of breath, please contact your primary healthcare provider or MSU's student health clinic (701-858-3371). Please call before going to your provider's office.**

Minot State has infectious disease policies and medical response plans in place and will work closely with the ND Department of Health as the situation evolves. Please contact the student health clinic if you have additional questions at 701-858-3371.

Thanks in advance for reading this message, and please encourage your fellow students to follow all of the basic precautions outlined above.

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