Ivy Tech Community College continues to closely monitor the 2019 Novel Coronavirus and COVID-19 outbreak both domestically and abroad. This is a rapidly changing situation and we continue to work closely with local, state, and federal officials as well as with our Indiana higher education partners.

The Indiana State Department of Health has information specific to 2019-nCoV, and has established a 2019-nCoV hotline phone number. Call 317-233-7125 with questions or concerns regarding the 2019-nCoV.

The CDC has issued new guidance for the classification of risk and handling of suspected COVID-19 infections and travelers to affected countries. The risk classifications are:

**Low-risk**
For those who have not been in direct contact with someone suspected of having 2019-nCoV or confirmed to have 2019-nCoV, the risk of contracting the virus remains low. For example, a person would still be considered at low risk after being in the same classroom or indoor environment with someone who has symptoms and has been diagnosed with 2019-nCoV.

**Medium-risk**
Individuals are considered medium-risk if they traveled from mainland China (outside of Hubei Province) within the last 14 days.
Medium-risk travelers should take the following actions based on symptoms:

**No symptoms** -
- Remain at home as much as possible.
- Limit public activities.
- Self-monitor daily with public health supervision.
- Call your primary health care provider if you develop symptoms and discuss how to travel to a medical facility.

**With symptoms** -
- Move into immediate isolation with guidance from public health officials.
- Discuss with your primary health care provider if medical evaluation is needed.

**High-risk**
Individuals are considered high-risk if they have traveled from Hubei Province, China within the last 14
High-risk travelers should take the following actions based on symptoms:

**No symptoms** -

- Remain quarantined in a location determined by public health officials.
- Refrain from public activities.
- Self-monitor daily with public health supervision.

**With symptoms** -

- Move into immediate isolation with guidance from public health officials.
- Discuss with your primary health care provider if medical evaluation is needed.

As spring (and spring break) are around the corner, we have established a voluntary survey for students, faculty, and staff who may be traveling outside of the country on a non-College sponsored trip. The purpose of this survey is to assist the College in monitoring international travel of our community and coordinate any necessary accommodations should a student be impacted by the outbreak. Again, this is voluntary but highly encouraged.

The biggest risk of infection on campus and in our communities remains the flu. Follow these tips to help stay healthy this season:

- Stay away from ill people and stay away from others if you are ill.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or tissue.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Do not share drinks, food, or utensils.
- Get an annual flu shot through your primary care provider or local clinic.
- Clean and disinfect common touch surfaces frequently.
- Avoid large or crowded events if you feel sick.

While the risk of Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and COVID-19 remains extremely low, the College is updating our pandemic response plans to ensure we are prepared in the unlikely event of a closure or other widespread impact of the virus to Indiana and the College.

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