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To: MSU faculty, staff and students

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Dear Spartan community:

The University Physician and the Office of International Health and Safety at Michigan State University continue to work with our local, state and federal partners in closely monitoring the outbreak of the new coronavirus in China.

It's important to note that there are zero confirmed cases in Michigan and no suspected cases at MSU. Unless you have traveled from China in the past two weeks or have been around someone ill with this new coronavirus, your risk of being exposed is very low.

In response to the outbreak and following guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, MSU is strongly encouraging all members of the campus community currently in China on university-sponsored business to return home. The outbreak is having a significant impact on travel to and from China as well as restricting services such as health care, domestic transportation and food service.

Additionally, for the next eight weeks, MSU is suspending all nonessential MSU-sponsored travel to China. The university will continue to welcome and support our students, visitors and scholars from China – they each are essential in the continued fueling of discoveries and scholarship and more importantly, the vibrancy of our Spartan community.

In general, all travelers should continue to practice good hygiene and be prepared for enhanced screening procedures at major airports, which may cause travel delays. Members of the MSU community can always seek travel guidance from the [MSU Travel Clinic](#) if they have specific questions or concerns.

While there are no additional precautions recommended for the campus community at this time, it is important to remember the steps you can take to prevent the spread of any virus, including the flu:

- Wash hands often with soap and water. If not available, use hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home while you are sick and avoid close contact with others.
- Cover your mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean your doorknobs, light switches and commonly touched areas with disinfectant wipes frequently.

Thank you.