

Community Health Update: Coronavirus

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring an outbreak caused by a novel (new) coronavirus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Chinese authorities identified the new coronavirus, which has resulted in hundreds of confirmed cases in China, including cases outside Wuhan with additional cases being identified in a growing number of countries.

At this time, we have not received any reports of suspected cases on our campus.

If you have been to Wuhan, China, or have had close contact with someone who was infected in the past 14 days and are experiencing any flu-like symptoms, please call Health Services at [724-836-9947](tel:724-836-9947) or seek further evaluation from a medical provider/closest emergency room immediately.

While the CDC considers this is a very serious public health threat, based on current information, the immediate health risk from 2019-nCoV to Americans is considered low at this time. Nevertheless, CDC is taking proactive preparedness precautions.

SYMPTOMS

Patients with confirmed 2019-nCoV infection have reported having mild to severe respiratory illness with symptoms of:

- fever
- cough
- shortness of breath

PREVENTION

Much like the flu, coronavirus spreads via saliva and respiratory droplets. Thus, we encourage you to observe good health practices to avoid spread:

- Wash hands frequently
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Avoid sharing cups, utensils, water bottles and other personal items
- Stay home when sick and avoid others who are sick
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

TREATMENT

Should you begin to experience any of these symptoms and have recently been to Wuhan, China, immediately contact Health Services ([724-836-9947](tel:724-836-9947)) or a health care provider. Currently, there are no specific antiviral treatment recommendations for 2019-nCoV infections, other than supportive care to help relieve the symptoms.

Those infected are to remain at home and avoid contact with others.

AT PITT-GREENSBURG, WE ARE TAKING THE FOLLOWING PRECAUTIONS:

All students visiting Health Services will be screened for recent international travel. Health Services will continue to closely monitor this situation and remain in close contact with the PA State Health Department.

Please do not hesitate to contact Health Services (724-836-9947) with any questions or concerns that you may have.

You can read more about the virus on the [CDC website](#).