

Campus Health



Dear Tulane Parents,

I'm writing to follow up [my previous message sent on January 24, 2020](#), with an update on Tulane's response to the novel coronavirus outbreak that originated in Wuhan, China. Campus Health is working closely with many of the offices across campus, including Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response and the Schools of Medicine and Public Health and Tropical Medicine to monitor this evolving situation. There are currently no cases of the virus at Tulane or in New Orleans, and health officials continue to stress that the risk of infection in the U.S. remains low.

Campus Health has prepared a comprehensive [FAQ](#) to address questions from the campus community about novel coronavirus. We encourage you to read these FAQs and follow up with your healthcare provider if you have any questions.

Consistent with any influenza/flu outbreak, we must be prepared for the possibility that cases may be reported in New Orleans. Therefore, it is important to continue to take steps to reduce disease transmission, including frequent hand washing, covering of coughs and sneezes using a tissue or sleeve (not your hands), and staying home if you feel unwell. This is flu season in New Orleans and as is typical for this time of year, we have large number of students dealing with cold, flu, and sore throat.

Tulane University is monitoring and implementing all guidance from U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, and local health officials. We are following all CDC infection control recommendations to ensure the safety of all patients and staff, as well as implementing appropriate precautions for any patients who may arrive at a Campus Health location or the Tulane Medical Center meeting the CDC screening criteria for the virus. You can read the Tulane's communications and current travel advisories [here](#).

We have had several inquiries about future events such as Mardi Gras, graduation, and study abroad plans for summer and fall. We are not anticipating any impact to on-campus events or programs for those currently in the U.S. We also cannot speculate or provide any firm guidance on the impact on programs outside the U.S., particularly those that are impacted by travel restrictions. We are closely monitoring this situation and will provide any information we can to help you make decisions.

We recognize that this situation may cause concern or anxiety, especially for those whose families and loved ones in China or elsewhere are directly impacted. We remain committed to providing support and guidance to the Tulane community as this situation develops. Campus Health is updating their website regularly, as is tulane.edu/emergency, and we encourage you to go to any of those sources for updated information as this situation develops.

Sincerely,

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