Dear Members of the LIU Community,

Long Island University has been closely monitoring the coronavirus that originated in Wuhan, China. University officials are in constant communication with all appropriate health authorities, and will continue to follow their recommendations to protect the health and safety of our campus community. At this time, there are no confirmed cases of the Novel Coronavirus (recently renamed COVID-19) in New York state.

The University is taking proactive virus prevention measures:

- The University is speaking regularly with the appropriate health officials, and has set up a task force to meet regularly on the coronavirus.
- The University is disinfecting all public areas as it has done during the typical flu season.
- Respiratory illnesses are common at this time of year, especially on college campuses, and our University has well-established protocols for dealing with these and other communicable illnesses. Additionally, health professionals will be uniformly taking travel histories from anyone presenting with respiratory illnesses.
- Due to the growing number of international coronavirus cases and out of an abundance of caution, the University has suspended its program in Florence, Italy for the spring semester. In addition, several scheduled study-abroad trips have been postponed.
- We recommend that LIU community members who are planning personal travel to an international destination be mindful of the potential associated risk of disruptions to your ability to reenter the United States. We advise you to consult guidance from the Centers for Disease Control https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel prior to and during your trip. We encourage you to exercise caution when traveling to countries with Level 2 travel advisories and reconsider travel to countries with Level 3 travel advisories.

Below are additional resources to find updated information about the symptoms and current recommendations for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19).

- [CDC: Coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
- [New York State Health Department](https://www.health.ny.gov)
- [Local NYS County Health Departments](https://www.health.ny.gov)

We will continue to provide updates to the LIU community.

Sincerely,

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