

Q: What is 2019 Novel Coronavirus?

A: The 2019 Novel Coronavirus, or 2019-nCoV, is a new respiratory virus first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. The 2019-nCoV, is not the same as the coronaviruses that commonly circulate among humans and cause mild illness, like the common cold. The incubation period of this virus is between 10 to 14 days.

This virus probably originally emerged from an animal source, but now seems to be spreading from person-to-person. It is important to note that person-to-person spread can happen on a continuum. Some viruses are highly contagious (like measles), while other viruses are less so. At this time, it's unclear how easily or sustainably this virus is spreading between people.

Q: Are there any cases of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus on the UCA Campus:

A: NO. There are no cases on campus or in the entire state of Arkansas, as of 2/10/2020.

Also, no students or faculty on campus have been to China within the past 14 days. Since the incubation period for this virus is 10 to 14 days, all students on campus have virtually passed this 14-day threshold. This makes ALL students on campus at almost no risk of currently being infected with this virus.

Q: What is UCA doing to protect their community from this virus?

A: Although the chances of contracting this virus on campus are extremely low, the world situation regarding this virus is rapidly changing and is being monitored daily by experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Arkansas Department of Health. The UCA Student Health Clinic is also closely monitoring this matter and remains in close contact with the Arkansas Department of Health.

Q: What is CDC doing about 2019-nCoV?

A: This is an emerging, rapidly evolving situation, and the CDC will continue to provide updated information as it becomes available. The CDC works 24/7 to protect people's health. It is CDC's job to be concerned and move quickly whenever there is a potential public health problem. More information about CDC's response to 2019-nCoV is available online at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Also, The U.S. government has taken unprecedented steps related to travel in response to the growing public health threat posed by this new coronavirus, including suspending entry into the United States of foreign nationals who have visited China within the past 14 days. Measures to detect this virus among those who **are** allowed entry into the United States (U.S. citizens, residents and family) who have been in China within 14 days also are being implemented.

- Effective February 2, 2020, at 5 p.m., the U.S. government issued a level 4 China travel advisory and suspended entry of foreign nationals who have been in China within the past 14 days.
- U.S. citizens, residents and their immediate family members who have been in Hubei Province and other parts of mainland China are allowed to enter the United States, but they are subject to health monitoring and possible quarantine for up to 14 days.

Q: How can I help protect myself?

A: Visit the CDC website at

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html> to learn about how to protect yourself from respiratory illnesses, like 2019-nCoV.

The CDC does not currently recommend the use of facemasks among the general public. While limited person-to-person spread among close contacts has been detected, this virus is not currently spreading in the community in the United States.

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