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Greetings,

I have met recently with representatives from the hospital, city and county government, first responders, and the public schools concerning our response to the Coronavirus situation. We have all agreed to coordinate our response should an outbreak occur in our region.

Our institutional services staff have been disinfecting surfaces on campus since the outbreak of the flu in our area last fall. They continue to sanitize handrails, desk surfaces, and door knobs to help prevent the spread of flu or any other virus. All of the disinfectant wipes we have have been distributed to classrooms. More are on the way to us.

The CDC has advised everyone to use personal hygiene precautions such as vigorously washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and coughing or sneezing into your elbow or tissue to prevent the spread of a cold or virus.

Please use your discretion when you feel that you are sick and make the decision to stay home until your symptoms subside. I am asking faculty to make allowances for students and likewise encourage them to stay home, and to make accommodations for them to allow them to continue to participate in class without penalty for their absence.

We are also making plans for continuing the semester away from campus should an outbreak occur. I will keep you informed of any developments.

Technology Issues:

We are continuing to experience technology issues on campus. A number of outside consultants have been on campus this week attempting to correct the situation. They are continuing their work and we may experience temporary outages as they take various elements of the system down.

Thanks,

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