Spring Break Travel Information Request

Friday, March 6, 2020

Dear Students: As with many other areas of society, the coronavirus might affect our campus in any number of ways in the coming days. Campus leadership have been meeting regularly to make contingency plans in the event that classes or activities are disrupted, or if a case of COVID-19 is reported on campus.

With spring break kicking off, we are requesting that all students traveling away from campus notify us of their travel plans, regardless of destination. Just fill out this simple online form:

CLICK HERE TO ACCESS THE FORM >>

This information will be kept on file and shared with the relevant medical and government authorities if the need arises, and will allow us to prepare for the possibility of medical care that may be needed upon your return to campus.

What to Do If You Feel Sick

If you are away from campus during spring break, do not return to campus. Please contact your local health care provider who can assess your condition. Any individual who is exhibiting symptoms will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days before they are allowed back on campus.

If you are remaining on campus during spring break, call the Community Medical Center prior to making an office visit. The center will be open its usual Monday-Friday hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., over the break. If you need after-hours assistance, call their 24/7 emergency line at 888-586-8342, or Campus Safety at 315.364.3229.

Keeping You Informed

Should we discover that any student or other community member has been exposed to the coronavirus or diagnosed with COVID-19, we will work with the Cayuga County Health Department, the College’s Community Medical Center, and others to make an informed decision about how to provide the appropriate care and medical support.

In the meantime, we have created a website to keep you informed of developments related to COVID-19 and the coronavirus, which you can find at:

wells.edu/covid-19-updates
This website contains an archive of all previous campus communications, along with useful resources and links for local and state health departments.

**Tips for Staying Healthy**

COVID-19 has an incubation period of up to 14 days, meaning that individuals may be contagious without showing any symptoms or feeling sick. The following precautions are recommended for preventing the disease—and are the same common-sense practices that help prevent seasonal flu and other common illnesses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick—and if you are sick yourself, stay home.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Routinely clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as doorknobs, keyboards, mobile phones, etc.
- Avoid large crowds and keep at least 3 feet from other people when outdoors or when someone nearby is visibly sick.

We are actively monitoring guidance and directives from county and state health officials as well as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This is a global health crisis that is evolving rapidly, and we will continue to collaborate with our public health partners to make informed decisions in the best interests of our community.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at ckenyon@wells.edu.

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