

# THE UNIVERSITY OF TOLEDO

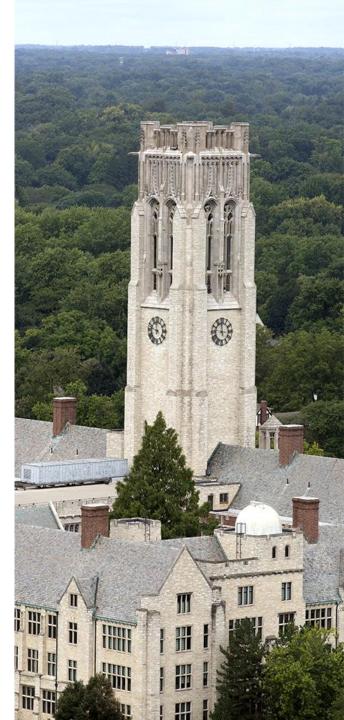
## **COVID-2019**

#### **Emergency Preparedness**

Amy Thompson, PhD, CHES Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs

Heather Lorenz, MSOH, CIH, CSP, CMLSO Director, Environmental Health and Radiation Safety

March 2020





### What You Need to Know About the Coronavirus

 CDC is responding to an outbreak of respiratory disease caused by a novel (new) coronavirus that was first detected in China and which has now been detected in 60 locations internationally, including in the United States.

• The virus is thought to spread mainly from person to person.

 People are thought to be most contagious when they are most symptomatic.



#### What You Need to Know About the CoronaVirus

• Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure these include: fever, cough, shortness of breath.

• There is currently no vaccine to prevent the coronavirus disease.

 However, as a reminder, CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases: <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-</u> <u>ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html</u>



## Situational Update (As of 3/2/2020)

- There are currently no positive cases in Ohio or Michigan. Situation in U.S:
  - Approximately 89 Cases of COVID-19 have been detected in multiple states.

Currently there have been 6 deaths in the U.S.

 Person-to-person spread of COVID-19 was first reported among close contacts of returned travelers from Wuhan.



# Message from the Chancellor (2/27/2020)

Governor DeWine called on our college and university leaders to continue to be proactive when it comes to campus health by:

- Urging every student, faculty member, and employee who has not yet received a flu shot to do so immediately;
- Prohibiting college-related travel to nations where the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has recommended avoiding nonessential travel. Please continue to monitor the CDC website <u>https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html</u> for the most up-to-date information on travel advisories associated with COVID-19; and
- Taking appropriate action to accommodate students who are studying abroad and may need to come back to the United States in midsemester or mid-quarter. Please help these students to make that transition if and when necessary.
- We are in the process of bringing home 5 students who are currently studying in Italy.



#### **Travel Advisory**

- In an abundance of caution and aligned with recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, The University of Toledo will temporarily restrict all University-sponsored travel to countries on the U.S. <u>Centers for Disease Control and</u> <u>Prevention's warning list</u> for the novel coronavirus, known as COVID-19.
- The CDC now recommends travelers avoid nonessential trips to South Korea, Italy, Iran, China. The temporary restriction for University-sponsored travel will apply to any additional countries as they are added to the CDC's Travel Health Notices designated at Level 3 in the coming days and weeks.



#### **Travel Advisory**

 For personal international travel, the University strongly advises faculty, staff and students to review and follow the recommendations of the <u>CDC</u> and the <u>U.S. State Department</u>.

 The University is working to implement a process for faculty, staff and students to voluntarily report personal travel out of the country to better be able to reach you in the event of an emergency and connect individuals with any needed resources upon their return.



#### **UToledo Preparedness and Response**

- The Incident Command team has worked closely with the Ohio Department of Health and the Lucas County Health Department to ensure preventative measures and guidelines are being followed.
- The University has communicated the US Department of State, CDC guidance and University policy to the campus community and those affected by University sponsored travel restrictions.
- The Center for International Studies and Programs (CISP) has a process in place to identify at risk students, faculty, and staff. Guidance and resources have been provided to ensure their safety.
- UTMC and all associated clinics have implemented the CDC screening process to identify at risk patients to ensure they are evaluated in accordance with public health guidelines while maintaining a safe environment for our students, faculty, and staff.

#### **Preparedness and Response**

• UTMC has a plan in place to isolate patients in negative pressure rooms with the capability for expansion.

- The Public Information Officer is working diligently with UToledo partners to send out communications to the University community. Population specific messaging has also been disseminated.
- <u>UToledo Corona Virus Web Link</u>



#### **Common Questions:**

#### 1. What do I do if I feel ill?

- The <u>Ohio Department of Health</u> urges anyone who has traveled to China or other affected geographic areas with community spread of COVID19 within the last 14 days and feels sick with fever, cough or difficulty breathing to seek medical care.
- The University of Toledo Medical Center Emergency Department is staffed with care providers who are well trained and prepared to treat infectious diseases. Call ahead to 419.383.3888.
- 2. What accommodations do I make for students who are ill and have to miss class?
  - You should assist students in making up missed work. Also, you should encourage students should contact the Office Of Student Advocacy and Support.



#### **Common Questions:**

# 3. Will the University shut down if there are a large number of cases of the Coronavirus?

 The University of Toledo will follow recommendations made by the Lucas County Health Department and other State higher education agencies when determining if the university will cancel classes or shut down.

# 4. What should a faculty or staff member due if they have to miss work due to being infected by the Coronavirus?

 Follow the normal university policy and procedures used for requesting sick days and notify your supervisor or department chair. If a person must place themselves in self-isolation, a requests to receive FMLA should be made.

