2019-nCoV: Prevention Steps for Students

On January 24, 2020, the Chicago Department of Public Health (CDPH) reported the first case of 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCov) in Chicago. **There is no immediate threat to the general public and no special precautions are required.** Chicago residents, students, workers, and visitors **do NOT need** to change their behavior in any way. We are ***not* recommending** that those in the community wear masks or gloves or change their daily travel routines in response to this announcement.

As with any virus, you can protect yourself and others by:

- Washing your hands regularly with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoiding touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Remember to wash your hands afterwards.
- Avoiding close contact with sick people. If you are sick, stay home from school or work for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities.
- Cleaning and disinfecting surfaces and objects that may be contaminated with germs.

CDPH is working closely with the the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and other federal, state and local agencies to monitor the 2019 novel coronavirus that has emerged from Wuhan, China, over the past few weeks. This is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available. The latest situation summary updates are available at www.chicago.gov2019-nCoV.

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