Are there travel warnings in place due to the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) outbreak?
The U.S. Department of State has raised China to a Level 4 Do Not Travel Warning. Institutional policy restricts University-related travel to countries designated as Levels 3 and 4. Please refer to the following website for more detailed information on the U.S. Department of State website.

What is Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)?
A novel coronavirus (CoV) is a new strain of coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans. The new, or “novel” coronavirus, now called 2019-nCoV, had not previously detected in humans before the outbreak was reported in Wuhan, China in December 2019 by the World Health Organization.

Coronaviruses are a virus group that can infect and spread between humans through close personal contact, coughing/sneezing, and touching surfaces with coronavirus on them and then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes. Coronaviruses circulate regularly and cause cold and flu-like illnesses every year. These illnesses usually last for a short amount of time. Sometimes new strains can become more widespread.

Is there a threat to campus?
There are no suspected or reported cases of the coronavirus on campus, and at this time, we are not aware of any UW-River Falls personnel or students who have been exposed to the virus.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS), UW Hospital and Clinics, the local health department, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have confirmed the first case of 2019 novel coronavirus in Wisconsin, in the Madison area. The case was confirmed at the CDC. The immediate health risk to the general public for contracting this virus is low. The patient is an adult with a history of travel to Beijing, China prior to becoming ill and was exposed to known cases while in China. The individual is isolated at home, and is doing well. Out of respect for the privacy of the patient and their household, this is the only information that is available.

What is the university doing?
In coordination with UW System, UW-River Falls has activated its Emergency Management Team to monitor and address the situation. We are continuously monitoring for updates and taking steps as directed by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and county and state health departments. There have been no changes to the recommendations for campus in regard to actions that should be taken related to coronavirus.

What should I do?
We encourage you to familiarize yourself with preventative wellness efforts to avoid this and other viruses. These include:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
• If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
• Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
• Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
• Stay home when you are sick.
• Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
• Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

The risk in the U.S. for the 2019 novel coronavirus remains low. Persons are much more likely to be at risk for influenza. Hence, we continue to recommend the above preventative measures, including vaccination against influenza. Check with your health care provider about getting an influenza shot.

• Students - If you do have influenza-like symptoms, contact your primary care provider or Vibrant Health Family Clinics in River Falls (VHFC) and share any recent travel history or possible exposure. Certain clinical health services such as basic office visits and influenza vaccines are covered by Student Health Services for current UWRF students. Students should call ahead for an appointment at 715-425-6701. The River Falls Taxi is available for transportation to appointments at VHFC, no charge, and that number is 715-425-7878.

• Employees - If you do have influenza-like symptoms, or for influenza vaccination, contact your primary care provider and be sure to share any recent travel history or possible exposure.

If a campus community member becomes infected, what will happen? If a campus case is reported, UWRF will take immediate steps to properly respond to any health and safety risk to the campus community. If it becomes necessary to implement any action, UWRF will follow all recommendations from the CDC and Pierce County Public Health Department.

What information can or will the university share regarding any students or employees who have recently traveled to or from Wuhan? The university will not release any names or residential information regarding any student or employee in order to comply with state and federal privacy laws.

Will classes be held as scheduled? Yes. Classes will be held as scheduled. There is no immediate plan to cancel classes or any other university event or activity. All students are expected to attend scheduled classes.

What if a student is concerned about attending class? If you have concerns and would like to discuss alternatives to attending class or completing academic work in the immediate future, please reach out to your professor or the department chair.

If a faculty member has questions or concerns regarding coming to work, what should they do? Contact their respective Dean’s Office. All faculty and staff are expected to come to work as scheduled.

Where do I look for additional information? For information about the Coronavirus, please visit the CDC website at CDC.gov.
Who else can I speak with about this? Answers to questions related to the coronavirus can be found at [CDC.gov](http://CDC.gov). Clarifying questions can be directed to Student Health and Counseling at 715-425-3293.

If I feel as though I am being treated unfairly, discriminated against, or harassed due to concerns around this issue, what should I do? You may file a report with the Bias Incident Team.

What do I do if a member of the media calls? Media inquiries should be directed to the UWRF Public Information Officer at 715-425-4306.