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Dear Marywood Community

Scranton, PA (March 6, 2020) – Dear Marywood Community,
As of Friday, March 6, 2020 there are two presumptive positive cases of novel coronavirus in Pennsylvania. The first two Pennsylvania cases of COVID-19 were identified in residents of Wayne County and Delaware County. The cases are unrelated. As of 3/6/2020, there is no evidence of community transmission of COVID-19 in Pennsylvania. We will continue to monitor and update information during this rapidly evolving situation.

Marywood has designated the following link for communications related to COVID-19:
<http://www.marywood.edu/article/2020-What-you-need-to-know-about-Coronavirus>. We encourage you to visit this site as we continue to post information as it becomes available. Individuals who intend on traveling outside of the United States are urged to check the CDC's and the federal Department of State's travel guidance. Currently there are outbreaks of COVID-19 occurring within numerous countries across the world. The number of countries seeing new cases has increased significantly over the last week.

If you travel, take the following routine precautions:

- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.

- Clean your hands often by washing them with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains 60%-95% alcohol. Soap and water should be used if hands are visibly dirty.
 - It is especially important to clean hands after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.

Symptoms & Testing

Current symptoms reported for patients with COVID-19 have included mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. Read about [COVID-19 Symptoms](#).

Call your healthcare professional if you feel sick with a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19, or if you live in or have recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19. Your healthcare professional will determine if you need to be tested for COVID-19.

Here in Student Health Services we are following protocols set by the CDC and Pennsylvania Department of Health. Please visit their sites for more detailed information about COVID-19.

Thank you,

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