

# Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Information

With the global nature of Tulane University, we are currently monitoring a situation involving the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV). We are gathering the appropriate information to keep our community informed about this situation, to provide precautionary measures, and to relate any impacts to our programs and to those members of the Tulane community who are traveling around the world.

## What is coronavirus?

Human coronaviruses commonly cause mild to severe respiratory illness. 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) is a coronavirus identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan, China. The latest situation summary updates on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus are available from the CDC at [cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html).

## Signs and Symptoms

Patients with confirmed 2019-nCoV infection have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness. Fever, difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, coughing, and pneumonia are all common symptoms experienced with the 2019-nCoV. If you are showing signs of these symptoms and have been traveling or in contact with someone that has been traveling in the Asia-Pacific region, seek medical attention immediately.

## How is it transmitted?

The 2019-nCoV is believed to have originated in a market selling seafood, meat and live animals, though Chinese officials have confirmed that it is also transmissible person-to-person. 2019-nCoV has an incubation period of 14 days.

## Recommendations

- Please review the CDC Travel Health Notice and current information from the CDC at [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov).
- Individuals that have traveled recently, especially to the Asia-Pacific region, and are experiencing the above symptoms should seek medical attention immediately.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, if soap and water is not available.
- Avoid contact with sick people, livestock (alive or dead), animal markets, and avoid eating raw or undercooked meat and eggs.

## Travel Guidelines and Restrictions

Based on information from the CDC and public health and infectious disease experts, Tulane University is implementing the following travel guidelines and restrictions:

- As of Wednesday, January 29, Tulane students, faculty and staff may not travel to China for university business or academic purposes, including but not limited to study abroad, internships, academic work for credit, service, conferences or presentations, teaching, training, performances, recruiting or athletic competitions. Requests for exceptions to this policy should be sent to the Provost.
- Travel to China for personal reasons is strongly discouraged.
- Hosting incoming visitors traveling from China since the outbreak for university-related purposes (visiting lecturers, visiting scholars, researchers, etc.) requires prior approval of the school dean or appropriate vice president and the Provost before the visitor's arrival.
- Faculty, staff, and student travelers returning from China are required to contact the Tulane Student Health Center at (504) 862-8121 (business hours) or 855-487-0290 (after hours) within 24 hours of their arrival in the U.S. from China and prior to returning to campus to arrange and complete a medical screening.

