

Date: March 12, 2020
To: University Community
From: President Jaffus Hardrick

Re: COVID-19 Update

The safety of our students, faculty, and staff remains a top priority and we are continuing to monitor the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation and will make changes as necessary. Currently, we do not have any reported cases of COVID-19 on campus. **At this time, we will continue our normal operations and University residence halls will remain open.** We are monitoring the situation and will provide periodic updates to the FMU Community.

Listed below is critical information related to COVID-19 and how to protect yourselves, as well as actions taken by the University.

Preparedness

All members of the University community should practice safe hygiene, including but not limited to appropriately covering coughs and sneezes, cleaning frequently touched surfaces, and washing hands often. Safe handwashing requires washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available. You should also avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands. Further, avoid close contact with people who are sick.

The University has also taken the following steps to protect the FMU Community:

- Ensure that all existing hand sanitizers are filled daily and placed in key locations around campus.
- Ordered additional hand sanitizers to be installed immediately upon receipt and placed in high-traffic areas campus-wide.
- Daily disinfection of high touch areas and buses with recommended materials and per established health agency protocols.
- Coordinated with Jessie Trice to devise a plan in the event students who live on campus need to self-isolate.

Travel

In an abundance of caution, all FMU-related international travel is cancelled, effective immediately. As evidenced by news reports, the situation involving the coronavirus is fluid.

Self-Isolation

Those who have been in close contact with anyone who has travelled internationally should self-monitor for symptoms and should contact their physicians for further instructions. Please find additional information from the State at this link. <http://www.floridahealth.gov/>

Students who need to self-isolate and/or monitor for symptoms should do the following: call Jessie Trice Community Health Center, at 305-623-4236, or contact TelaDoc at (855) 835-2362 after hours. In the event a case of COVID-19 is identified, the University has designated self-isolation rooms on campus to be utilized expressly for this purpose. Faculty and staff who need to self-isolate or monitor should notify their supervisor of the need to self-isolate or monitor for symptoms. Supervisors will be asked to notify and coordinate with Human Resources accordingly.

Academic Instruction

FMU's leadership team is in constant contact with federal, state and local authorities, regarding how to best safeguard our campus and monitor the situation. At this time, classes remain in session. We are devising alternate instruction plans in the event this changes.

As FMU continues to monitor COVID-19, you can obtain updated information on FMU's website, social media sites, the Wireless Emergency Notification System (WENS)(text messages), and emails, as well as on a dedicated coronavirus webpage we have created at www.fmuinv.edu. Please ensure your contact information is updated in the WENS system, by clicking here: http://entry.inspironlogistics.com/fmu/wens.cfm?ep_id=student.

Again, this is a dynamic situation and changes are occurring frequently. We will continue to update the Lion Family as this situation unfolds.