

Subject: State of Georgia preparation for coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Dear Campus Community,

As news reports continue to be released about the outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19), both state and national agencies are taking appropriate steps to protect the general public. According to the [Georgia Department of Public Health](#) (DPH), the agency is working closely with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state partners to prepare for a potential outbreak of COVID-19 in the U.S., including Georgia.

At this time, DPH notes the overall risk of COVID-19 to the general public remains low.

DPH is currently taking preventive measures to mitigate the potential for outbreak in Georgia, including providing the CDC information and guidance about COVID-19 to all health care and hospital facilities throughout Georgia, and having DPH epidemiologists on-call 24/7 to help health care providers evaluate individuals presenting with symptoms of COVID-19 to ensure that possible cases are managed safely.

DPH already has a detailed pandemic flu plan that was developed in partnership with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, the Georgia Department of Education and other state agencies.

DPH has released the following measures individuals should take to prevent the spread of any respiratory virus:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cough or sneeze into your elbow or use a tissue to cover it, then throw the tissue in the trash.

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

DPH also encourages individuals to get vaccinated as the best prevention from getting a flu.

The USG continues to monitor the situation closely and has posted an update to its coronavirus FAQ page at <https://www.usg.edu/coronavirus>.

The university will provide updates as they are made available.

Thank you.



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