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Much has been in the news regarding the Coronavirus, also referred to as COVID-19. The Centers for Disease Control and the Illinois Department of Health and Human Services have both stated the current risk is low, but the situation is dynamic and subject to change rapidly. The College does take the situation seriously and will continue to monitor events both locally and worldwide. At this time, the College is not currently planning to cancel or curtail class schedules or other activities.

To help prevent the spread of the 2019 novel coronavirus and other respiratory viruses, please follow these guidelines:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as desk surfaces and keyboards.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Stay home when you are sick.

These measures are preventative in nature and not a reaction to a known illness outbreak on campus. We will continue to monitor recommendations regarding COVID-19 and will update you should there be any significant changes in recommendations for schools. Should circumstances warrant, the college will issue updated notifications in the college portal, myBlackHawk, and on the college website.

If you have questions about the COVID-19 itself please connect with either of the following resources:

- IDPH along with the Illinois Poison Center set up a hotline for residents across the state to call if they have questions about the coronavirus. Residents in Illinois can call the hotline at 800-889-3931 or email DPH.SICK@illinois.gov
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website also has informative details regarding the Coronavirus Disease 2019. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Thank you for doing your part in keeping our college community healthy.

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