



MEMORANDUM

To Faculty, Staff and Students
From University Relations
Re Coronavirus Information
Date March 6, 2020

For those of you who are returning from Spring Break, welcome back to campus! And for everyone, welcome to the final nine weeks of the 2020 Spring Term.

Over the past week, much has changed in North Carolina, nationally and globally with regard to the pandemic of novel coronavirus or COVID-19. Our state is now one of 19 around the country where a coronavirus case has been diagnosed. While none has been diagnosed at North Carolina A&T, in the UNC System or in Greensboro area, we need to exercise appropriate caution and take preventive measures to keep everyone healthy at A&T.

The university has established a [coronavirus website](#) where up-to-the-minute information on the pandemic is available. Of particular note are the following recommendations to stay healthy:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60 percent alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick; do not travel.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as countertops, phones, keyboards, laptops, doorknobs, and bathroom fixtures.
- Immunize yourself against the flu if you have not already.

In the event that you are returning to the United States from countries within the CDC's Warning Level 3 or Alert Level 2 travel health notices – currently China, South Korea, Italy, Iran and Japan – you should self-quarantine for 14 days before returning to campus. Any student in this situation should contact Academic Affairs at (336) 334-7965 for assistance in taking coursework online during the quarantine period.

Any student or employee who shows symptoms consistent with the flu is urged to see a medical professional. The Student Health Center's contact information is available from the coronavirus website. Symptoms for the

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and coronavirus can be very similar, but only a medical professional can make an accurate diagnosis.

We understand that news coverage of the virus is everywhere and that it can be scary at times. We encourage you not to contribute to the anxiety, but to simply take the precautions noted above and do your part to keep yourself and our community healthy. That includes bullying or harassment of individuals from countries where coronavirus has become widespread. Such behavior is not only against A&T policy, it is against our values, and will not be tolerated.

We wish each of you the best over the remainder of the academic term as you deal with the challenges above along with your other responsibilities. Have no doubt, we will all persevere. Because that's what Aggies DO!