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Re: Novel Coronavirus 2019 (2019-nCoV) Information

Dear Art Institute Community,

The Art Institute has been actively monitoring the coronavirus outbreak occurring abroad and in the U.S. by routinely reviewing the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). While no cases have been reported at any of our campuses, it is important that our students, parents, faculty and staff have the most updated information, including safety measures.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises that the immediate health risk to the general American public is low. Nonetheless, Ai is taking extended measures to ensure a hygienic environment, including regular cleaning of common areas, and refilling of soap and hand sanitizers.

DEFINITION

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses which may cause illness in animals or humans. In humans, several coronaviruses are known to cause respiratory infections ranging from the common cold to more severe diseases such as Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) and Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The most recently discovered coronavirus causes coronavirus disease COVID-19. (World Health Organization 2.23.20)

PREVENTIVE MEASURES

- **Cover** any coughs or sneezes with your elbow. Do not use your hands.
- **Clean** surfaces frequently, such as countertops, light switches, cell phones and other frequently touched areas.
- **Contain** – If you are sick, stay home until you are feeling better.
- The **CDC** is **NOT** recommending the use of surgical masks to individuals not infected with the virus; however face masks should be used by people showing symptoms of COVID-19.
What you need to know

Students, staff and faculty are encouraged to notify their healthcare providers if they are returning from an area that has been exposed to coronavirus. This is to ensure that they are professionally monitored and treated.

TRAVEL

For up-to-date travel advisories, visit the U.S. Department of State website.

The Art Institute encourages students traveling for spring break, particularly those traveling to countries affected by the virus, to take necessary precautions to ensure their health and the health of others.