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Dear Academic Partner,

We are writing to share information about an outbreak of a respiratory disease caused by [a new strain of a well-known virus, coronavirus](#), first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province of China. An increasing number of cases of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) have been diagnosed in countries outside of China, including two confirmed cases within the United States. **While we are not aware of any cases in Kansas or on our campuses, we are sending this preliminary information to raise awareness and inform the University community.**

This information is particularly important for those of you who have recently traveled from or are planning a trip to areas where transmission of this virus has been documented. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel to Wuhan, China.

In order to help you protect yourself, it is important for all members of the campus community to:

1. Recognize the symptoms. Symptoms include fever and symptoms of respiratory illness or influenza-like symptoms (e.g. cough, difficulty breathing, wheezing, etc). Symptoms typically begin about two weeks after exposure.
2. Evaluate recent travel to Wuhan, China or contact with someone from Wuhan, China who was experiencing respiratory or influenza-like symptoms.
3. If you have had travel to Wuhan or contact with a sick person from the region within the last two weeks, and are experiencing these symptoms, seek medical attention and immediately notify the university, your local health department, or the Kansas Department of Health and Environment at 1-877-427-7317.

#### **For Students**

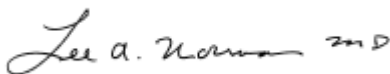
Those who have not recently visited China but are experiencing influenza-like illness, with fever greater than 100.3 Fahrenheit and symptoms including cough, body aches, severe sore throat, or runny nose, consider seeking medical attention for the possibility of the flu. Please contact your healthcare provider and identify yourself as having flu-like symptoms.

#### **Information for International Travelers**

Monitor travel updates from CDC for the most up-to-date and accurate information available.

For additional information about coronavirus, including signs and symptoms, transmission and risk of exposure, and what to do if you are exhibiting symptoms, please refer to the [CDC website](#).

Sincerely,



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