

## USW Student Guidance for COVID-19 Concerns

The USW administrative team is closely monitoring the recommendations issued by the CDC and DOE for higher education institutions in response to the COVID-19 novel coronavirus outbreak. The university is taking a proactive stance to protect the health and safety of our students, faculty, and professional staff. To that end, USW has implemented the following protocols to ensure that students can complete the academic requirements for the semester while eliminating any unnecessary health risks.

### Spring Break Holiday and Semester Completion

- 1). The university is making arrangements for all undergraduate (face-to-face) courses to be delivered entirely online. By Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, the material for all undergraduate courses will be available in the Blackboard Learning Environment.
- 2). Students planning to travel to areas already impacted by COVID-19 can elect to check out of the dorm, return home, and complete the semester online.
- 3). Students with respiratory or other unspecified health concerns that might elevate their susceptibility to complications from COVID-19 exposure (e.g. asthma, etc.) can elect to check out of the dorm, return home and complete the semester online.
- 4). Students who anticipate that they will be needed at home to help care for family members in the event of illness can elect to check out of the dorm, return home, and complete the semester online.
- 5). Any student with health/safety concerns related to the COVID-19 outbreak can elect to check out of the dorm, return home, and complete the semester online.
- 6). International travel and traveling by cruise ship are **not** recommended at this time.
- 7). If you become exposed to infection or feel sick while you are traveling or away – **do not return to campus**. Notify your local healthcare provider and seek testing and/or treatment. As soon as practicable, contact your advisor to notify them of the situation.

*If you are planning to travel during the holiday, please review the travel precautions issued by the CDC – particularly for areas with confirmed cases of Coronavirus. Advisories and updates for travel in the U.S. can be found here:*

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/faqs.html>

## **Prevention (Students Remaining On Campus)**

- 1). Expanded access to hand-washing/sanitation stations will be available at entry/egress points in all buildings. **Please take care to frequently use the hand-sanitation stations.**
- 2). The foodservice team has implemented additional meal preparation protocols in the cafeteria.
- 3). Follow these everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:
  - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
  - Stay home if you feel sick.
    - You may contact your immediate supervisor via email or phone.
    - Contact your primary healthcare provider to make arrangements for testing or diagnosis.
  - Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
  - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
    - If soap and water are not readily available, use the alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

## **Additional Contact Information for Questions**

As the situation is rapidly evolving, students, faculty, and staff will undoubtedly have questions. Listed below are primary contacts for questions related to specific circumstances.

- 1). **Feeling sick and/or having symptoms** –
  - stay home and contact your immediate supervisor via email or phone
  - contact your primary healthcare provider for testing/diagnosis
- 2). **Questions concerning academic events, class scheduling, semester activity** –
  - Contact Ryan Tipton ([rtipton@usw.edu](mailto:rtipton@usw.edu)) – 575-492-2137
- 3). **Questions concerning athletic events** –
  - Contact Steve Appel ([sappel@usw.edu](mailto:sappel@usw.edu)) – 575-492-2147
- 4). **Questions concerning student/on-campus housing** –
  - Contact Amanda Guzman ([aguzman@usw.edu](mailto:aguzman@usw.edu)) – 575-492-2176