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Dear UC Hastings Students, Faculty, and Staff,

UC Hastings is continuing to monitor and respond to the outbreak of a respiratory illness caused by a novel coronavirus (COVID-19), first identified in Wuhan, China, which has spread throughout mainland China and to numerous areas outside of mainland China. The health risk to the general population in California from COVID-19 remains low. At the same time, more cases are being detected worldwide. UC Hastings is taking recommended precautions to prevent the spread of the disease, including temporarily prohibiting College business-related travel to mainland China.

In alignment with our fellow institutions and recommendations from the CDC and the CA Department of Public Health, all faculty, staff, and students who are considering personal travel to or from mainland China and/or who have a scheduled layover in mainland China are requested to contact Andrew Scott, Director of Human Resources, or Rhiannon Bailard, Executive Director of Operations, well before their departure date to inform them of travel plans. Students may also reach out to Grace Hum, Assistant Dean of Students.

A MyHastings intranet website has been established to provide information and updates to the community as this story continues to develop.

We know that many of our faculty, staff, and students have family and friends living or traveling in China, and it is our goal to support all who may be experiencing challenges or distress as a result of this outbreak and the rapidly evolving news. We urge members of the community to utilize the resources listed below and on the website.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

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UC HASTINGS COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Student Health Services, Counseling Services
- Student Services
- Employee Assistance Program; Company code: uchastings