2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

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Columbia College Wellness, Health and Counseling Services continues to closely monitor the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and work with college, local and state officials to ensure the health and safety of our college community with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

More cases of COVID-19 are likely to be identified in the United States in the coming days, including more instances of community spread. CDC expects that widespread transmission of COVID-19 in the United States will occur. In the coming months, most of the U.S. population will be exposed to this virus.

If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms such as cough or difficulty breathing, please call your healthcare provider for medical advice. Be sure to get care if you have trouble breathing, or have any other emergency warning signs, or if you think it is an emergency. Try to avoid public transportation, ride-sharing, or taxis.

To promote the safest possible conditions on our locations and in our communities, we strongly encourage preventive practices to prevent illness. Refer to the following CDC page for tips on prevention of getting sick. We encourage you to be aware of, and obey all public health orders issued in your community.

In preparing for the community spread of COVID-19, here are some tips to continue social distancing measures:

- Increase the physical space between you and others to about 6 feet.
- Continue avoidance of gatherings where close contact with others may occur.
- Consider regularly checking your health status by taking your temperature to detect possible fever or being alert to respiratory illness.

Members of the Columbia College community are encouraged to notify college officials of diagnosed cases of COVID-19.

For a comprehensive list of updates from the CDC you can visit the Coronavirus What’s New page on the CDC website.