

UPSOM Response to Covid19 Coronavirus Outbreak

Although there have not yet been reported cases of this coronavirus in Pittsburgh, it is likely it will come to our community. We need to plan how our medical school will respond, given its likely effects on our educational mission. This is our current plan; conditions are changing rapidly and may require further updates.

General Guidance:

- Any student or staff member should consider themselves at risk if they have EITHER:
 - recent exposure to an infected person, OR
 - a fever (Temperature >100.4) and signs of lower respiratory track illness (cough, shortness of breath)
- High risk individuals should stay home and call for medical guidance.

Group	Call...
Students	Student Health 412-383-1800 Nordenberg Hall—Wellness Center (Mon-Sat) https://www.studentaffairs.pitt.edu/shs/about-us/contact/
Staff	Employee Health 412-647-4949 Medical Arts Bldg, 3708 5 th Ave, Suite 505 https://www.hr.pitt.edu/current-employees/work-life-balance/wellness-life/myhealthwork-center

- Exposed individuals who have been screened and cleared for return to work can do so.
- Individuals who are severely ill should go to the emergency room.
- Students and staff are encouraged to avoid exposure to symptomatic individuals or travelers returning from high-risk areas, if possible.
- CDC guidelines will help inform prevention and treatment strategies, in collaboration with UPMC Infection Control. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Travel Guidance:

- Individuals should avoid international travel unless necessary. If it is necessary, individuals are expected to register the travel through the [University of Pittsburgh International SOS Travel Registry System](#)
- University advisories must be respected.

Do not travel	China
Non-essential travel discouraged	Iran, Italy, Japan, South Korea

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- Students returning from any country on the advisory list should voluntarily practice social distancing for a period of 14 days. They will be notified by the school who will assist them in arrangements, although they are still allowed to travel in the community as necessary (just not to the Pitt campus).

Curriculum Guidance (MS1-2):

- Students engaging in voluntary social distancing will be given the opportunity to participate in didactics as allowed, remotely and/or asynchronously:
 - Podcasts or other videos will be provided for lecture content.
 - To allow for participation in small group activities, we will set up remote access through Zoom or similar platforms.
 - Physical exam sessions (e.g., APE) would need to be postponed; make-up activities would be determined on a case-by-case basis.
 - Assessments would be delayed.
- Other students are encouraged to participate in the curriculum as usual, unless the situation changes.

Curriculum Guidance (MS3-4):

- We will follow guidelines from UPMC; students returning from travel or who had exposure will require UPMC clearance before returning to clinical sites—this will be done at MyHealth@Work 412-647-3695, Kaufmann Medical Bldg (3471 5th Ave Suite 1111).
- The Palermo elective will be put on hold until the summer.
- Students are encouraged to report for duties on their clinical rotations for now. If the Pittsburgh community were to experience an epidemic (large outbreak of cases in a short time), students should follow the community emergencies policy, which allows them to use their discretion about reporting for clinical duties if they feel safe to do so.
- Students could opt out of caring for Covid19-infected patients (or patients with a high risk of suspicion for the disease). If they participate in care, they will of course be provided all the necessary protective gear (currently gloves, gowns, and N95 respirator) as per UPMC guidelines.

- For students engaging in voluntary social distancing, classroom-based activities (e.g., bootcamp, ILS, Assessment Week) would be postponed or done asynchronously/remotely, depending on the activity.

Staff Guidance:

- Staff should follow guidance from the University of Pittsburgh.
- Individuals engaging in voluntary social distancing may be given the opportunity to work remotely. Human Resources may help in guidance for specific situations.

Event Guidance:

- At this point, we are planning to carry on with all upcoming events (e.g., Match Day, Graduation).
- If you are sick, of course, you are advised to stay home and contact the school for further instructions.
- If you are not sick but are concerned about attending, it is absolutely fine for you to opt out. Contact the school.

Important websites to monitor:

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- Pitt: <https://www.emergency.pitt.edu/covid19>
- Prepare your home: <https://www.wesa.fm/post/guide-how-prepare-your-home-coronavirus>

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