In accordance with The Claremont Colleges Services Student Communicable Disease Plan, we are issuing a Health Advisory.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is closely monitoring an outbreak caused by a new coronavirus (COVID-19) first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. Chinese authorities identified the new coronavirus, which has resulted in many confirmed cases initially in China and has now spread to at least 49 counties including the United States. **To date, no students, faculty or staff have been diagnosed with Coronavirus at The Claremont Colleges.**

Avoid Nonessential Travel. As additional cases of Coronavirus are confirmed, travel abroad becomes of concern. Students who travel should be aware of potential impacts to returning to the United States should the virus spread to a travel destination including the potential for quarantine upon return. The CDC has issued the following advisories:

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<td>Warning Level 3</td>
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<td>These destinations are experiencing sustained community transmission of the virus. Older adults and those with chronic medical conditions should consider postponing nonessential travel.</td>
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**What is the Coronavirus?**

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses, some causing respiratory illness in people and others circulating among animals including camels, cats and bats. Rarely, animal coronaviruses can evolve and infect people and then spread between people, such as has been seen with Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) and Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS). The 2019 coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak is a new strain of coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans.

For More Information:

CDC Website

LA County Public Health Website
http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/acd/nCorona2019.htm
When person-to-person spread has occurred as with SARS and MERS, it is thought to happen via respiratory droplets with close contacts, similar to how influenza and other respiratory pathogens spread. The situation with COVID-19 is evolving. While severe illness, including illness resulting in death, has been reported, other patients have had milder illness and been discharged. We now know person-to-person spread is happening, but it is unclear how easily this virus is spreading between people. The confirmation that person-to-person spread with this virus is occurring raises the level of concern about this virus, but CDC continues to believe the risk of COVID-19 to the American public at large remains low at this time. Older adults and people with underlying health conditions are at increased risk for severe disease. The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health urges the public to practice good public health hygiene as this is the height of flu season across the County.

**What are the symptoms?**
Most people with the illness report symptoms very similar to the flu, including fever, cough, and shortness of breath.

**What should I do if I feel sick?**
**IF YOU HAVE A COUGH OR FEVER AND YOU RECENTLY TRAVELED OUTSIDE OF THE UNITED STATES, OR HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO SOMEONE DIAGNOSED WITH CORONAVIRUS, PLEASE CALL STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES.**
M-F 8am - 5pm at 909-621-8222
AFTER HOURS OR WEEKENDS - CAMPUS SAFETY at (909) 607-2000

**What are important additional steps I can take?**
- Avoid contact with others if feeling ill and symptomatic.
- Do not travel while sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available.

**Students can also seek care at:**
- Pomona Valley Hospital Medical Center—1798 N. Garey Avenue; Pomona, CA 91767 (909) 865-9500
- San Antonio Community Hospital—999 San Bernardino Road; Upland, CA 91786 (909) 985-2811

If you are feeling extremely ill, regardless of travel, call 911 or Campus Safety for help. They can get you immediate care.