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We will continue to assess the evolving situation related to coronavirus and its impact on public health and our community. I ask that all members of the Franklin Pierce family put their health and well-being first, work to stay informed of the latest guidance from our federal and state health agencies, act with an abundance of caution and be sensitive to the concerns and anxiety of others. Please check back to this page often for pertinent updates, including steps the University will take as needed to best ensure the health of our students, faculty and staff in the days and weeks ahead.

Franklin Pierce University continues to monitor the spread of novel coronavirus, or COVID-19, which was first detected in China and is now present in a number of countries, including the United States. These efforts will encompass our locations in New Hampshire, our center in Arizona and any planned activities or events, including study abroad programs.

As of the date of this post, no members of the FPU community have been diagnosed with the novel coronavirus or indicated symptoms consistent with the virus.

On March 2, 2020, the first case of coronavirus was detected in New Hampshire, and the first case in Arizona was confirmed in late January, 2020. This will be an evolving situation, and updates are available from the [New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services](#), the [Arizona Department of Health Services](#), and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#). Please also check back to this page and the Franklin Pierce University Facebook page for updates.

Recommended actions for all members of the FPU community include:

Stay home and avoid public places when sick. Rindge students should call Health Services at 603 899-4130 to triage symptoms.

Cover mouth and nose with your arm or a tissue (not your hand) when coughing and sneezing.

Wash hands frequently - using hand sanitizer is appropriate when soap and water is not available.

If your hands are noticeably dirty, using soap and water is preferred.

Avoid close contact (within 6 feet) with a person who is sick.

Avoid sharing drinks, smoking/vaping devices, utensils, or objects that may transmit saliva.

Disinfect frequently touched surfaces at least 2 times daily.

If you have had close contact with someone who has COVID-19, or traveled to regions with known infections, and develop symptoms, call your healthcare provider and tell them about your symptoms and exposure.

Rindge students: If you have questions or exhibit any symptoms consistent for coronavirus – including fever, cough and shortness of breath – please contact Health Services immediately at 603 899-4130 or healthservices@franklinpierce.edu.