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To: Students, Faculty and Staff  
From: State Fair Community College  
Re: COVID-19 (Coronavirus)  
Date: 3/11/20

In response to the rapidly growing number of cases of Coronavirus (COVID-19) worldwide, State Fair Community College continues to closely monitor reports from local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). For your convenience, you may monitor this at [www.sfccmo.edu/COVID-19](http://www.sfccmo.edu/COVID-19).

As you know, the campus is closed for Spring Break March 16-20. Please remember that if you are traveling, your chances of exposure to COVID-19 increase, even if you are not traveling to designated "high risk" areas such as, China, Japan, Italy, and South Korea. This virus can easily spread at venues in which large groups gather (cruise ships, airplanes, trains, mass transit, etc.).

Current symptoms reported for patients with COVID-19 have included mild to severe respiratory illness with fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. This virus seems to be spreading from person to person.

We recommend that everyone follow everyday preventive practices:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently-touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning product.

The college will continue to monitor this situation, and reserves the right to close facilities and postpone (or cancel) events, should an outbreak or known exposure occur. These decisions will be communicated to all college students and employees via the emergency alert system (Rave) and [www.sfccmo.edu/COVID-19](http://www.sfccmo.edu/COVID-19).