

Email to Students

Subject: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Students,

While at this time, the risk of becoming infected with the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is low, as this outbreak continues to evolve, we understand that you may have questions.

Following are guidelines you can use at this time:

- Work with your instructors regarding any absences due to illness, based on their established processes. For an illness lasting more than two weeks, feel free to contact Kelly Karstad, Director of the Academic Support Center at kelly.karstad@southcentral.edu or 389-7339 for assistance.
- Be vigilant with [coughing and sneezing hygiene](#) and [hand washing](#) practices to help you stay healthy.
- If you are planning to travel outside the U.S., consider visiting the [Centers for Disease Control](#) or [Department of State](#) Travel Websites for up-to-date guidance.
- All Minnesota State related international travel has been suspended effective immediately. This includes study abroad programs, and any other activities involving faculty, staff, and students. We will continue to monitor reports, guidance, and recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and U.S. State Department and review this action on a recurring basis and will let you know when travel can be resumed.
- Recognize that anyone in the U.S. who has not traveled to China or been in contact with someone confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19 in the last 14 days is at low risk of becoming sick with the virus.
- Continue to support SCC's welcoming culture, which in this case means avoiding actions and language against anyone based on race, ethnicity, or religion based on the origins of COVID-19.

More information is available on the [Minnesota Department of Health Website](#). We will continue to monitor the situation and provide information as necessary. If you have any questions, please contact Judy Endres at judy.entres@southcentral.edu or 507-389-7351.

Appreciatively,

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