



# Office of University Relations

## Campus Safety Bulletin

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Students, Faculty and Staff,

As we prepare for Spring Break next week, Mississippi University for Women continues to closely monitor information regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Preparations are underway in the event the virus spreads closer to home. The W has no known cases of the coronavirus on campus and currently has no students who are studying abroad. To date, there have been no cases of COVID-19 reported in Mississippi. The university continues to work with experts at the Mississippi Department of Health to monitor the virus. Updates and information about COVID-19 can be found at [www.muw.edu/disease](http://www.muw.edu/disease).

Students, faculty and staff traveling should be aware of known locations of the coronavirus. For the coronavirus global and U.S. map, visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. The following are recommended precautions:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze, for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based (60% alcohol) hand cleaner.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Individuals are also advised to restrict physical contact, such as handshakes, etc.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home if you are sick.

Seek medical care right away if you believe that you have been exposed to the coronavirus. Before you go to a doctor's office or emergency room, call ahead and tell them about your recent travel and symptoms. The Campus Health Center's number is (662) 329-7289.

**W-Alert Reminder-** Take a moment to ensure you are signed up for the W-Alert at [www.muw.edu/police/preparedness/walertsignup](http://www.muw.edu/police/preparedness/walertsignup). Follow W Alerts on Twitter, @TheWAlert. In the event that a situation arises, a campus wide warning will be issued through the University's text messaging system called W-Alert to students, faculty and staff.

