FAQ (COVID-19)

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Student Health Services will provide updates on the Coronavirus (COVID-19) as they become available. See below for answers to frequently asked questions.

What updates are there regarding the Coronavirus?

The CDC frequently releases updates regarding this virus. You are encouraged to visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus for updated information.

As of February 11, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) has officially named the disease that is causing the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak "COVID-19."

There have been over 10 confirmed cases within the US, none of which include the Brazos Valley. The CDC is closely monitoring the outbreak and is continuing their investigation as the situation evolves. At this time, the Brazos Valley is considered low risk.

What preventive actions is Texas A&M University taking at this time?

Texas A&M University is committed to protecting the health of students, faculty, staff, and campus visitors. In an effort to prevent the spread of illness during flu season, the University community continues to practice the following preventive measures:

- SSC has implemented its enhanced cleaning measures across the entire campus.
- SHS continues to screen every patient that presents to the clinic for their travel history.
- TAMU is encouraging individuals to practice appropriate hand hygiene methods to prevent the spread of illness.
- TAMU has issued a travel restriction on all university-sponsored travel to China at this time.

What preventive actions can students take at this time?

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid sharing food, beverages, and utensils.
- Avoid close contact with those who may be ill.
- Stay home when you are sick or have flu symptoms.
- Cover cough/sneeze with a tissue or cough/sneeze into your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects or surfaces.
- Get your annual flu shot.
It is highly recommended that students continue to practice preventive actions as flu season continues. If you are feeling ill, make an appointment with your healthcare provider. Students can make an appointment at Student Health Services by visiting https://shs.tamu.edu/appointments, or by calling (979) 458-8250.

What were the results of the January 2020 possible Coronavirus student case?

- The CDC results were negative, confirming that the student did not have Coronavirus.

What are symptoms of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

- For the vast majority of people who have had the illness, symptoms were mild (like a cold or flu) and they resolved after several days. Flu like symptoms include fever, cough, shortness of breath, and sore throat.

What happens to the students attending Texas A&M University if there is a confirmed case on campus?

- If a COVID-19 virus is confirmed, then the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) protocols will be followed. Those who have had close contact with the patient will be contacted and monitored by the Brazos County Health District. Texas A&M University will fully support that effort.

What if I recently travelled and have concerns that I’ve been exposed to COVID-19?

- Contact your medical provider. If you're a student, you can contact Student Health Services at (979) 458-8310.

Where can I find updated information?

- For Brazos County Health District updates, visit http://brazoshealth.org/articles/1-123.
- For Department of State Health Services updates, visit https://dshs.texas.gov/coronavirus/.
- For information regarding the COVID-19 virus, please visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html.
- For Texas A&M University International Student Services travel updates, visit http://iss.tamu.edu/Current-Students/Traveling-and-Coronavirus.