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Dear PVM Family,

I want to update you about what our College is doing in collaboration with Purdue University to address and respond to the evolving nature of the COVID-19 virus. This morning, health officials in Indiana announced the first presumptive positive case of COVID-19 in a Marion County resident who had recently traveled to Boston (click here to [view the state government news release](#)). At this time, there are **no** cases of the virus at Purdue University. However, we want to be diligent to keep ourselves apprised of the latest information as the situation continues to evolve.

The University has created a [website](#) dedicated to information about COVID-19 and how the campus is preparing in the event of an outbreak. This website, which is being updated constantly, contains links to several resources that are helpful in answering questions about the virus. There is also an FAQ section for questions specifically relating to Purdue.

As previously announced, Purdue already has suspended university-sponsored travel to the countries listed by the CDC with level 2 or level 3 travel advisories for coronavirus (China, South Korea, Japan, Italy, and Iran). All international study abroad spring break programs also have been suspended and personal international travel is strongly discouraged.

The College leadership has been discussing ways in which academic functions and Veterinary Teaching Hospital and Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory services will continue in the event there is an outbreak on campus. If an outbreak should occur, communications will be sent to everyone stating how we will move forward. Given the current circumstances, please continue to employ these preventative actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases:

- **Stay home when you are sick.**
- **Wash your hands often** with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who 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 spray or wipe.

By working together and following these guidelines, we will be in the strongest position to keep our College safe and healthy.

Regards,

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