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Dear Campus Community:

Many questions are being asked about the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak and how it is impacting travel for UNI students and employees. The university would like to provide an update on the situation, as well as our plan to ensure safety.

In light of updated travel advisories from the U.S. State Department and the Centers for Disease Control, the University of Northern Iowa is temporarily restricting student and employee travel to China. The university strongly discourages all travel to mainland China and Hong Kong at this time.

Our student health center is receiving daily updates from the CDC, which reports the immediate risk in Iowa as low. We are also in close contact with the Iowa Department of Health and the Black Hawk County Health Department. There have been no reported cases in Iowa.

To keep you informed as the situation evolves, we will provide regular updates at <https://health.uni.edu/clinic-information/coronavirus>.

Students with any health-related concerns or questions can contact the Student Health Clinic at (319)-273-2009, while employees are encouraged to contact their medical providers with any questions. Our health experts advise the campus community to take simple measures to prevent the spread of infections, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water or alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your elbow.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

The following sites provide additional, up-to-date information:

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[World Health Organization](#)

[Iowa Department of Public Health](#)

[U.S. State Department](#)

Thank you for your understanding as we take measures to keep our students and employees safe.