February 3, 2020 - Campuswide email

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Long before the coronavirus began to attract international attention, you can be assured that Centre College has been focused on how we might best respond, since the health, safety, and well-being of every member of the campus community is always our top priority.

My particular thanks go out to Dean Randy Hays and our colleagues in Student Health and the Student Life Office. They have not only been in touch with local and state health departments but have also been closely monitoring guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)—and continue to do so on a frequent basis.

Because travelers will have been screened at multiple airports as they return to Danville, the health department confirmed that there is no need to isolate healthy students who do not exhibit symptoms of the virus, though we will continue to work with and monitor students after their return to campus. Nonetheless, as a precautionary measure, we have reserved some currently empty campus housing in case we need to isolate anyone who later exhibits any symptoms.

Please be assured as well that staff in the Center for Global Citizenship have been in close contact with our students who are from or have personal ties to east and southeast Asia. They are all valued members of the Centre family, and each and every one remains in my thoughts and prayers.

Finally, our colleagues in Academic Affairs have discussed contingency plans if any of our students need to miss classes due to illness or travel delays, or if travel restrictions prevent their return to campus.

Above all, I encourage anyone who has concerns to reach out to the many resources available on campus for support. We are all in this together and will continue to do everything that we can as this global health situation continues to evolve.

My best,

John - (P. Roush)