

## California State University San Marcos Updated Coronavirus Information

We are closely monitoring the global outbreak of the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV). Based on current information, the immediate health risk from the virus to the general American public is considered low at this time. As of this morning, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) have confirmed only five positive cases in the entire nation. Those cases were acquired outside the country, and no person-to-person spread has been detected in the United States.

As a result of extensive media coverage of this virus and the recent reports of a suspected case in San Diego County, we understand why people might be concerned about any possible threats that they face. There have been some inquiries about whether campus will be providing masks to employees to reduce potential exposure to the virus.

Because the likelihood of exposure is extremely low, and the virus is not considered any more dangerous than an average flu virus, campus will not be providing masks to employees. The recommendations to stay healthy are the same as they are for regular cold and flu season.

### Prevention Practices

The CDC and County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency recommend practicing everyday actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- 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 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, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

### Additional Information

- 2019-nCoV is an evolving situation, and the [CDC are providing updated information and guidance as appropriate.](#)
- CSUSM will provide updates to the campus community if the situation warrants any changes to the above guidance.

This is a rapidly evolving situation, and if anything changes that would impact employees or business practices, we will provide an update. Employees or managers who have any questions or concerns about the situation can contact Jennifer Ralph in Safety, Health & Sustainability Services at [jralph@csusm.edu](mailto:jralph@csusm.edu) or ext. 4517.