

## Statement Regarding Novel Coronavirus Monitoring – Feb. 26, 2020

University of West Alabama leaders are closely monitoring information regarding the newly-identified 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), the respiratory illness that has been detected in several countries internationally. At the time of this statement, the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) reports no cases identified in Alabama. ADPH maintains information regarding the virus at <http://alabamapublichealth.gov/infectiousdiseases/2019-coronavirus.html>. The University will remain attuned to any updates or developments from ADPH, as well as [advisories from the Centers for Disease Control](#) (CDC).

As is typical with this type of health-related situation, many reports from non-credible sources surface and tend to spread quickly, leading to misinformation and panic. Every person is urged to use discretion when reading news and reports related to the virus, relying on agencies like ADPH and CDC for the most accurate information.

Students, faculty, and staff who show signs of flu-like symptoms or have concerns should contact a healthcare provider immediately. UWA partners with Rush Medical Group of Livingston for basic health care services. Additional information on Rush Medical Group's services for the UWA community is available at <https://www.uwa.edu/campuslife/healthandsafety/rushmedicalgroup>.