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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Guidance for UWA

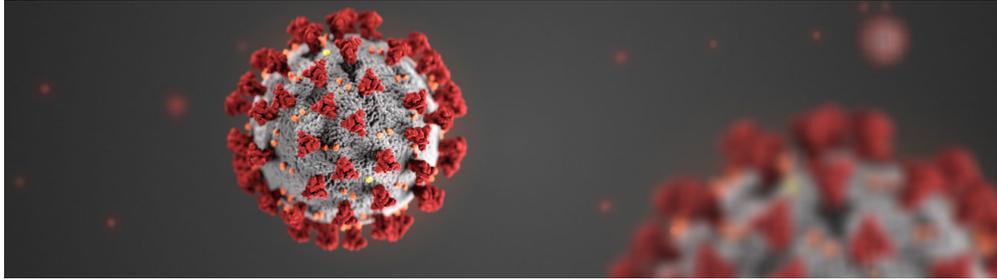
Updates available at www.uwa.edu/coronavirus

UPDATE: Friday, March 6, 2020

At this time, ZERO Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases have been identified on the UWA campus or in Alabama. You can find the latest information on the virus and confirmed COVID-19 cases in the U.S. from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov).

Spring Break Advisory | March 23-27

As UWA's Spring Break approaches, please stay tuned to and follow all guidance set forth by CDC and the U.S. State Department, avoiding any travel or interactions that may lead to the spread of COVID-19. CDC recommends that travelers avoid all nonessential travel. The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) has advised that anyone returning from a region where there is active transmission of COVID-19 is to contact ADPH and must complete a 14-day quarantine period before returning to their campus, which could affect a student's ability to finish the semester or graduate in May. Should the spread of COVID-19 increase the UWA community's exposure or risk, additional measures may become necessary, including such quarantine efforts.



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CDC](#)

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

To the UWA Community:

In response to the expanding threat of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), and in adherence with [advisories issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and the [Alabama Department of Public Health \(ADPH\)](#), UWA is taking precautions to ensure the health and safety of all our students, faculty, and staff. We recognize that some of the precautions may pose an inconvenience to you, but your cooperation and understanding are essential as we all work together to protect the health and safety of the entire University community.

Sincerely,
Ken Tucker, Ph.D.
UWA President

UNIVERSITY TRAVEL

UWA has canceled all university-sponsored international travel.

No additional international travel arrangements will be approved until further notice.

University-sponsored travel within the U.S. will be approved on a case-by-case basis, primarily based upon three factors:

1. mode of travel
2. destination
3. reason for travel

In these cases, decisions will be based on information according to the CDC and ADPH. UWA will follow the guidelines set forth by these agencies with the goal of protecting the health and safety of the entire University community.

RESOURCES

As is typical with this type of health-related situation, many reports from non-credible sources, particularly social media, surface and tend to spread quickly, which leads to misinformation and panic. Use discretion when reading news and reports related to the virus, relying on agencies like ADPH and CDC for the most accurate information.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

[About the Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)

[CDC Travel Advisory](#)

[Alabama Department of Public Health](#)

If You Experience Flu or Flu-Like Symptoms

Students, faculty, and staff who experience flu or flu-like symptoms should contact a healthcare provider immediately. Explain your symptoms and recent travel history to your medical care provider. For those with limited access to their current or preferred healthcare professional, UWA partners with Rush Medical Group of Livingston for basic health care services.

[Rush Medical Services for UWA](#)

Even though UWA's local area's health risk and exposure to COVID-19 is considered low, everyone should follow these and any other practical measures to ensure wellness.

- Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your mouth when coughing.
- Use hand sanitizers with at least 60% alcohol or above.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid unnecessary travel.

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