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## COVID-19 What You Need To Know:

The health, safety and well-being of the university community is paramount. University officials and medical experts are continuously monitoring and following recommendations from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), [World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#), [Austin Public Health \(APH\)](#) and other official sources.

## Latest News:

*Effective 3/10/2020:*

- Undergraduate university-sponsored student travel for spring break, Maymester and Summer programs is suspended to France, Germany, and Spain in addition to countries with [CDC](#) Warning Level 3, Alert Level 2, and Watch Level 1 travel notices that relate to COVID-19 (China, South Korea, Iran, Italy, Japan, and Hong Kong).
- All undergraduate and graduate students currently in France, Germany, Spain, and Japan need to submit a [Restricted Regions request](#) should they wish to remain in-country to complete the spring 2020 semester.

## Current State:

- UT is proceeding with business as usual on campus, with classes and operations continuing.
- As spring break approaches, we encourage you to consider how personal travel plans could be affected by the spread of the virus and urge you not to travel to countries that have been designated as Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Level 2 and 3. Self-isolation is required for people returning from these countries (see next bullet). Please [take precautions](#) and monitor the [UT Restricted Regions list](#) if you are going to travel internationally.
- All future international university-related travel must be booked by the UT Austin contracted travel agents or Concur UT's online booking tool. [Read more here.](#)
- To continue to protect the health of our campus, all students, faculty members, staff members, and visitors returning from CDC Level 2 and Level 3 travel advisory locations (including airport layovers) for COVID-19 will be required to self-isolate for 14 days before returning to campus. This applies to both university-sponsored and personal travel. For more information, click [here](#).
- Although at this time the threat of COVID-19 does not necessitate a widespread transition to online classwork at UT, we are taking steps to ensure the campus is prepared in the event we need to do so.
- UT Austin is developing business continuity and contingency plans should the coronavirus situation elevate. The university is currently developing processes to determine whether any specific events should be canceled or rescheduled. More information will be shared here as it is developed.

For information on the latest travel advisories, see [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC) and [U.S. State Department Travel Advisory updates](#).

## Latest Campus Messages:

### March 8, 2020

[Student Update](#) - from Soncia Reagins-Lilly, VP for Student Affairs and Dean of Students

[Parents & Family Update](#) - from Soncia Reagins-Lilly, VP for Student Affairs and Dean of

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[Faculty Update](#) - from Maurie McInnis, Executive VP and Provost

[Staff Update](#) - from Darrell Bazzell, Senior VP and Chief Financial Officer

### March 6, 2020

[Canceling Explore UT Message](#) - from President Gregory L. Fennes

### March 4, 2020

[Coronavirus Precautions Message](#) - from President Gregory L. Fennes

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## Travel Guidelines

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International Travel

If Traveling During Spring Break

## Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Coronavirus

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What are symptoms of COVID-19?

What happens when University Health Services (UHS) suspects that a student has COVID-19 infection?

What happens to students, faculty and staff at the university if there is a confirmed case on campus?

Will the university be able to provide information to the public about students, faculty or staff with possible cases or diagnoses of COVID-19 infection?

How can people help stop stigma related to COVID-19?

What should I do if I recently traveled and have concerns that I've been exposed to COVID-19?

What if I have a visitor coming to campus from a country/region to which travel advisories or restrictions apply?

How can students and employees access telemedicine and telecounseling services?

How do I request an academic accommodation?

What is your guidance for spring break?

Is the university taking steps to plan for online courses?

Our department/organization has large events planned for this semester. Should we continue to go forward with these events?

## Campus Communications

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[UHS Communications to Campus >](#)

## COVID-19 Questions and Feedback

[Submit your questions and feedback.](#)

## Prevention Guidelines

If you experience symptoms of respiratory illness, call the UHS Nurse Advice Line at [512-475-6877](tel:512-475-6877) before coming in to be seen.

- Wash 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 the eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cough or sneeze into the elbow or sleeve — not the hands.
- Avoid shaking hands. Use a verbal greeting instead.
- Stay home when sick.
- When using a tissue, throw it in the trash immediately after use.
- Don't eat, drink or smoke after others.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid non-essential travel to countries/regions with travel advisories/restrictions.

## Resources

[University Health Services >](#)

[Texas Global >](#)

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[Center for Disease Control and Prevention >](#)

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