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Update on Coronavirus in Italy: February 24, 2020

Update on Coronavirus (2019-nCoV),

As February 24, 2020, cases of Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) have been reported in Northern Italy. The Italian government is taking steps to address this public health concern, which is largely related to the mitigation of additional transmission of the virus outside already identified areas.

It is important to note that, according to the World Health Organization (WHO), more than 80 percent of patients infected with the virus have mild symptoms (fever, sore through, runny nose, achiness) and recover, while 15 percent have severe symptoms such as pneumonia. Around five percent of cases are considered critical. For more information about Coronavirus, go to <http://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-coronaviruses>

If you have been to one of the high-risk **RED ZONES (China, South Korea, Iran, Vietnam, and Codogno and Lodi, Italy)** in the last two months immediately call the JCU Emergency number +39 331 656 1907 for follow-up. JCU will then contact local emergency authorities to assess your risk. Upon receiving their instructions, JCU or the doctor will follow up with you promptly to advise on how to proceed.

If you have been to one of the **YELLOW ZONES (such as areas in Northern Italy in the vicinity of a RED ZONE, including Venice, Pavia, Padova, Torino, and Milan)** in the past month and are *experiencing symptoms (cough, fever, runny nose, sore throat)*, immediately call the JCU Emergency number +39 331 656 1907 for follow-up. JCU will contact local emergency authorities to assess your risk. Upon receiving their instructions, JCU or the doctor will follow up with you promptly to advise on how to proceed.

JCU strongly recommends that all JCU students, staff, and faculty refrain from travel to Northern Italy or any area where Coronavirus has identified and reported.

Because this is already the season for common flu, seasonal allergies, and other viruses, all students, faculty, and staff who experience a fever—regardless of their travels—should follow-up with a medical professional to treat symptoms.

As per our normal medical protocols, any student, faculty, or staff who is ill should stay home and follow the advice of their doctor.

The WHO (<http://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>) advises people of all ages to take steps to protect themselves from illness by following good hand and respiratory hygiene, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.
- If you are healthy, you do not need to wear a mask. Please consult with a doctor on best practices for using a mask.

We thank you all for your collaboration during this time. We will keep you updated should any of the above directives and recommendations change.

Kind regards,
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