

FIU Policies and Strategies Regarding Coronavirus

- I. The school is taking precautions to prevent unintentional entrance of the virus into the school building.
 - a. Individual temperatures will be taken upon entering the building. If temperature exceeds 99.6 F, the student/staff will be sent home. The student/staff cannot return without a release from their physician. If your physician determines that virus testing is indicated, the student/staff member will have to self-quarantine for 14 days.
 - b. If any student/staff member in the building becomes ill with fever over 99.6 F, he/she will be sent home and will not be able to return without a release from their physician. If your physician determines that virus testing is indicated, the student/staff member will have to self-quarantine for 14 days.

- II. To prevent possible spread of virus within the building the school will take the following measures:
 - a. Surface decontamination on a regular basis and after each class. Rationale: Prevent hand to mouth/nose/face transmission.
 - b. Utilize maximum student to staff distancing. Rationale: Limit air droplet transmission in this primarily cold/respiratory disease.

- III. Suspension of Class
 - a. This will be considered if a student/staff member develops proven COVID-19 and has had significant contact with other student/staff member at FIU or FIU deems suspension is advisable.

- IV. In view of the rapidly changing severity of the situation, these policies will be reviewed every three (3) days or sooner if indicated.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are fever, cough and shortness of breath. Symptoms may appear in as few as two days or as many as 14 days following exposure. Most people recover from COVID-19 without needing special treatment. The elderly and those with underlying medical problems like high blood pressure, heart problems and diabetes, are more likely to develop serious illness.

Safety and wellness practices:

- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds
- If soap and water is not available, use hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue or your sleeve
- Avoid touching your face, especially your eyes, mouth and nose
- Disinfect commonly touched surfaces, including mobile devices

With spring break fast approaching, we know students may be traveling. We ask that all students take necessary precautions to prevent the spread of this virus. We strongly recommend all students and staff refrain from personal domestic and international travel except for emergency purposes. If a student travels by plane, boat or to an area that is hard hit by the virus, and if it is recommended that you self-quarantine, the time missed will have to be made up at a later date. The school will get with the student at a later time and together determine the best course of action to make up the hours.

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