

Hello CCV,

As you know, there is growing concern about the spread of the novel (new) coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States. Please be assured that the Vermont Department of Health is closely monitoring the development of the virus, and as of today, there are no cases of novel coronavirus in Vermont.

I have been in touch with a deputy commissioner at the Department of Health (DoH), and I will continue to check-in with the Department of Health daily monitor the situation.

The Center for Disease Control recommends that:

- People who have symptoms of acute respiratory illness stay home and not come to work or school until they are free of fever (100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or greater) and any other symptoms for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing or other symptom-altering medicines. Staff and faculty are asked to notify their supervisor and stay home if they are sick.
- We all practice cough and sneeze etiquette and good hand hygiene.
- Avoid touching your face, particularly your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- We routinely clean all frequently touched surfaces in the workplace.

For your information, I have attached the guidance Vermont Department of Health has issued for colleges.

Additionally, I will be connecting with office managers to ensure we have sufficient sanitizing wipes, disinfectant spray, and hand sanitizer on-hand. I will also be sending a "COVID-19 Stop the Spread of Germs" poster for centers to print and display throughout our buildings.

Please know that President's Council, in collaboration with the Chancellor's Office, is working to develop plans so that we are prepared should novel coronavirus cases be confirmed in Vermont.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you.

Be well,

Heather