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Rivier University Community:

The University continues to monitor the global outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19). The safety and well-being of every member of our campus community is our top priority. When health emergencies arise, Rivier University's Health Alert Response Team plans for a broad range of contingencies and is in regular communication with local, state, and federal authorities.

If you are exhibiting symptoms of [Coronavirus](#) or other illness, please stay home from school or work.

Today, the DHHS and the CDC have issued [updated recommendations](#) regarding individuals who have traveled to four countries identified as Level 3 for Coronavirus: Italy, South Korea, and China. Based on their recommendations **we are requiring all employees and students who have traveled, or cohabitate with anyone who has traveled, to any of the Level 3 countries within the last two weeks to self-quarantine. This means you may not come to campus for class, athletics, work, or other purposes.** This decision is based on the latest CDC recommendations. The period of self-quarantine is 14 days.

If you, or anyone with whom you cohabitate, have traveled to a Level 3 country within the last two weeks, please inform Rivier University today by emailing Kurt Stimeling, Vice President for Student Affairs, at kstimeling@rivier.edu. If necessary, we will work to support you during an absence. For students, this means we will coordinate with your professors to maintain continuity of studies during any self-quarantine period. Faculty and Staff should consult with Human Resources at benefits@rivier.edu to discuss accommodations should an absence be necessary.

During this cold and flu season, standard respiratory etiquette and physical hygiene practices are your best prevention against many infections:

- Wash your hands frequently, for at least 20 seconds, with soap and water.
- Cough/sneeze into a tissue and discard the tissue immediately. In the absence of a tissue, coughing into your sleeve is acceptable.
- Avoid close contact (keep a distance of at least 6 feet) from those presenting symptoms.

The University will follow recommendations from the CDC, New Hampshire DHHS, and Nashua Public Health Departments. As the situation evolves, we will provide continued communication. You can visit www.rivier.edu/healthalert for information and updates.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt Stimeling".

Kurt Stimeling
Vice President for Student Affairs
Rivier University