

Subject: Update on Coronavirus

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From: OISE Dean

To: DO-AllCommunity

Dear OISE Community,

We have received a number of questions concerning the Coronavirus given that there are now a couple of presumptive cases in the Toronto area. Health officials continue to note that the risk of contracting the virus remains low, but public health officials are actively monitoring the situation. The University of Toronto has issued a second [public statement](#) and will continue to provide updated information and advice.

Symptoms of the Coronavirus include fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. Should you experience these symptoms AND have recently travelled internationally, avoid contact with others, and contact your health care professional or nearest hospital.

Students travelling internationally should refer to the safety abroad office website safetyabroad.utoronto.ca. Staff and faculty may refer to the Government of Canada's travel advisory website travel.gc.ca/travelling/advisories. Currently, the advice for China is to [avoid non-essential travel](#) to the province of Hubei.

Students, faculty and staff working in health care or school settings should follow the directions of the administration of the facility.

The resource links provided below are the best source of up-to-date, accurate information.

Take care,

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Resources:

Toronto Public Health: www.toronto.ca/community-people/health-wellness-care/diseases-medication

Peel Public Health: www.peelregion.ca/articles/2020/coronavirus.asp

Public Health Ontario: www.ontario.ca/page/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov

Public Health Agency of Canada: www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/coronavirus.html

World Health Organization: www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus

Toronto District School Board: <https://www.tdsb.on.ca/News/Article-Details/ArtMID/474/ArticleID/1411/Information-About-Coronavirus>

