

# Campus Announcement

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## **Guidance from CUNY re the 2019 Coronavirus**

Dear Members of the Baruch College Community,

Please see the below message about the 2019 Coronavirus from CUNY Chancellor Félix V. Matos Rodríguez. It contains good advice as well as links to further resources and official updates from local, state, national and global public health agencies, including the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene; the New York State Department of Health; the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; and the World Health Organization. Collectively, these agencies are reliable sources for the latest information on the spread of the virus and on effective steps to take to prevent illness.

We encourage you to use the below information as you think about your activities on campus, and keep in mind that this is a time for caution and vigilance not panic and stigmatization.

We will continue to send any additional updates from CUNY to the Baruch community.

Sincerely,

James McCarthy  
Interim Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs



## OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff:

The City University of New York is closely monitoring reports involving the outbreak of the 2019 coronavirus, and following the guidance provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), New York State Department of Health and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to proactively manage the risk.

The 2019 coronavirus, a so-called “novel virus,” is a respiratory tract illness that presents flu-like symptoms and was first identified in December 2019 in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. It has spread to several countries, including five confirmed cases in the U.S., but none in New York State.

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo announced on Monday that the New York State Department of Health has sent samples from nine individuals for testing by the CDC. Four of those cases tested negative, while five results are pending. Those five individuals remain in isolation pending the outcome of their tests.

For ongoing updates on coronavirus, visit:

[New York State Department of Health](#)

[CUNY's Health and Wellness Services](#)

[New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene](#)

[Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)

[World Health Organization](#)

Out of an abundance of caution, CUNY asks the following:

1. People who have had fever and/or symptoms of lower respiratory illness (coughing, difficulty breathing, etc.) within 14 days after travel from Wuhan, China, and symptomatic individuals with exposure to someone with recent travel to Wuhan or laboratory-confirmed coronavirus, as well as people who have recently traveled to Wuhan and may be in doubt of exposure to the coronavirus **should not come to classes or offices** until deemed safe by health personnel or after a two-week observation period of possible exposure. These people should call ahead to a health care provider and mention your travel or recent close contact. Your health care provider will work with public health authorities to determine if you need to be tested.
2. Instructors and teaching assistants in these categories should inform their department chairs or program directors **immediately** to make an alternative arrangement for teaching. Students should inform their instructors to make alternative arrangements for taking classes. Staff should inform their supervisors.

[CUNY Campus Health Services](#) can assess for symptoms of the coronavirus, but it is recommended that students report directly to emergency rooms or outside medical services if

symptoms align with the illness. Hospitals in New York are more fully equipped to isolate infectious patients and treat illnesses of this type than campus health services. Campus health services are available to answer questions and make referrals for this and other illness students face.

Sincerely,

Félix V. Matos Rodríguez  
Chancellor

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