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As attention and concerns increase regarding the coronavirus, I want to keep our campus community informed.

Everyone can help prevent the spread of infectious diseases, and public health professionals recommend we:

- wash our hands often with soap and water (I'm told that singing the "Birthday" song through twice is a good rule of thumb for the amount of hand-washing time)
- cover our mouth and nose with our sleeve or a tissue when we sneeze or cough
- avoid close contact (touching or shaking hands) with people who are sick
- avoid touching our mouth, nose, and eyes
- stay home when we are sick

As the health and safety of our campus community is our highest priority, the college is taking additional steps. We are increasing the frequency of services to clean and disinfect high-use areas. We have been in touch with our contracted cleaning service for the Wytheville Campus and the service is making a conscious effort to disinfect all high touch points including door handles, light switches, stair railings, etc. The company uses a hospital grade disinfectant in day to day cleaning, including on these high touch areas. We are in touch as well with those in charge of services at Crossroads and Summit regarding precautionary steps.

We are in the process of acquiring and providing additional hand sanitizer in public spaces throughout campus sites and disinfectant wipes will be available to clean common-use items such as public computers.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to say that the risk for coronavirus in the U.S. is low, and we are monitoring updates daily from the CDC and the Virginia Department of Health. More information is available at

<http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/surveillance-and-investigation/novel-coronavirus/>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Thank you for your awareness, concern, and efforts to help protect the health of our WCC Community.

We will continue communicating with you frequently until the coronavirus is no longer of public concern.

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