March 11, 2020

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Dear PharmDawg Students:

You have worked hard this semester, and your upcoming spring break is much needed and deserved. As you prepare to leave for your travels and activities, rest assured your health, safety, and well-being are paramount to all of us at the College of Pharmacy. The Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an issue for us to consider, so please read on to understand:

1. Spring Break considerations, including the potential need for self-quarantining following your travel;
2. Information resources from UGA;
3. Health precautions to take;
4. College of Pharmacy preparations;
5. Contacts for more information.

Spring Break Message from UGA

UGA senior administration sent you an email yesterday outlining key precautionary measures and resources regarding the Coronavirus – check here if you missed it: https://www.uga.edu/coronavirus/documents/archnews-2020-03-05.pdf. Here are some important areas of focus:

- **Check the travel information on the CDC and State Department websites** and talk with your family and travel companions to make a wise decision about travel plans.
  - The University of Georgia has cancelled Spring Semester, Spring Break, and Maymester programs in China, South Korea, and Italy — all Level 3 or 4 countries on the State Department and CDC websites. The CDC strongly advises that you should not travel to a location with a Level 3 or Level 4 Travel Health Notice.
  - In an abundance of caution and consistent with guidelines from the CDC and Georgia Department of Health, all travelers originating from, returning from, or connecting through a CDC Warning Level 3 or higher travel notice area MUST NOT return to a University of Georgia campus or facility until they have been asymptomatic for a period of 14 days from the date of entering/reentering the
**United States.** Travelers should self-quarantine and follow CDC and local health authority guidelines.

- Guidelines for self-quarantine from the CDC include:
  - Restricting activities outside the home except for appointments with a medical professional for evaluation.
  - Limited contact with others in the home, including pets.
  - Frequent hand washing.
  - Regular cleaning of all high-touch surfaces including tables, countertops, doorknobs, keyboards, tablets, bathroom fixtures, television remotes, and phones.
  - Limiting the sharing of household items like drinking glasses, plates, utensils, bedding, towels, and clothing.
  - Washing dishes, clothing, and bedding regularly.

- Remember, the status of countries or regions regarding coronavirus may change while you are traveling and affect airport or other travel processes. Stay connected to the CDC and State Department websites to ensure you have the latest information. We want you to return to Georgia safely.

- For all students, faculty, and staff, **if you are traveling internationally in any capacity -- through UGA or on personal travel -- please register your travel through the Office of Global Engagement’s International Travel Registry.**

**UGA Resources**

[https://www.uga.edu/coronavirus](https://www.uga.edu/coronavirus) is the website UGA is constantly updating to communicate important information.

**Health Precautions**

Proper precautions are how YOU can help stop the spread of an illness! Recommended healthy hygiene practices include:

- Wash hands often with soap and water
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cough into your elbow or into a tissue
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

**College of Pharmacy Preparations and Plans**

Leaders within the college are already meeting to formulate a plan should a potential outbreak/exposure occur. We will be prepared to modify our instructional program to accommodate situations as they arise, and any necessary alternative instructional plans will be shared with you by your respective unit. Check your UGA email routinely to stay informed.
**Who to Contact**

In the meantime, the following individuals are available to you should you have any questions or concerns:

- PharmD Students (P1, P2, P3) - [Dr. Duc Do](mailto:duc.do@uga.edu), Assistant Dean for Student Affairs
- PharmD Students (P4) – [Dr. Lori Duke](mailto:lori.duke@uga.edu), Assistant Dean for Experience Programs
- BS & PBS Graduate Students – [Dr. Brian Cummings](mailto:brian.cummings@uga.edu), Professor and Department Head
- CAP Graduate Students – [Dr. Randy Tackett](mailto:randy.tackett@uga.edu), Clinical Professor and Graduate Coordinator
- Albany Campus – [Dr. Melody Sheffield](mailto:melody.sheffield@uga.edu), Assistant Dean
- Augusta Campus – [Dr. Susan Fagan](mailto:susan.fagan@uga.edu), Assistant Dean
- Gwinnett Campus – [Dr. Michael Bartlett](mailto:michael.bartlett@uga.edu), Associate Dean for Science Education, Research and Technology
- Savannah Campus – [Dr. Ken Duke](mailto:ken.duke@uga.edu), Assistant Dean

Thank you for staying informed and working to stay healthy – for yourself, your fellow PharmDawgs and the entire university community. Again, have a great Spring Break, and we look forward to you returning to us safe, healthy and rested on March 16!

Sincerely,

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