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Dear NJIT Students and Colleagues,

**UPDATE on 2019 Novel Coronavirus, or 2019-nCoV**

Saint Michael’s Medical Center is closely monitoring the CDC and the New Jersey Department of Health websites for any updates on the **2019 Novel Coronavirus, or 2019-nCoV (Coronavirus)**. There have been no reported cases in our area, however, it is very important for everyone to know the symptoms and when to seek treatment. If you feel that you may have contracted the illness, please report to the Saint Michael’s Medical Center Emergency Room immediately.

Symptoms can include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

The CDC believes that symptoms of 2019-nCoV may appear in as few as 2 days or up to 14 days after exposure.

If you have not received the flu vaccine this year please come to the NJIT student services to receive one, it is extremely important due to many of the same symptoms of the flu are the same as those of the newly reported Coronavirus. The more people who receive the flu vaccine may lead to less confusion between the two diseases.

The CDC always recommends everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses, including:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Thank you,

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