Updated Information and Guidance Regarding the Coronavirus, COVID-19

Dear North Park Students, Faculty and Staff,

Like other universities in Chicago and across the nation – and based on the latest advice from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – North Park University has canceled all university-sponsored international spring break travel due to the rapidly evolving nature of the new coronavirus, COVID-19.

Domestic travel will take place as planned.

Students who had planned to travel internationally and who are now in need of housing over the spring break, please contact Aidan Howorth at ahoworth@northpark.edu or at 773-244-6208.

The University is researching ways to minimize the financial impact to students affected by the cancellation of University sponsored international trips. We will communicate with each travel group individually.

We know that much planning and anticipation surrounded these trips, and we share in the disappointment caused by their cancellation. However, the health and safety of our campus community is the highest priority.

Health advice

There are simple actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses. It cannot be emphasized enough that good self-care habits are vitally important, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds or use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol
- Cover your cough with your sleeve, not your hands
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe
- Don’t share food or drinks
- If you get sick, stay home and rest

The University’s Emergency Management Team will carefully monitor the situation and create contingency plans as appropriate.

All daily operations on the campus will continue. The University will provide regular e-mail updates.

- The Emergency Management Team