Dear Tuskegee University Community:

As you prepare to return from Spring Break, we will be providing guidance on what you should be aware of, as classes will continue as planned on Monday, March 16. While there are new cases of coronavirus in 35 states — including neighboring Tennessee, Georgia and Florida — we are very thankful that there continue to be no diagnosed cases at Tuskegee University or anywhere in Alabama.

Because the community transmission of the coronavirus is increasing across the nation and world, we want to encourage you to engage in the following activities designed to enhance your awareness, general well-being and safety. The best prevention is still to prevent exposure to or spreading the illness, including:

- washing your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds — especially after using the restroom, before eating, and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty. Consult the CDC’s Handwashing website at www.cdc.gov/handwashing for additional guidance.
- avoiding close contact with people who are sick.
- avoiding touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- staying home when you are sick.
- covering your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throwing the tissue in the trash.
- cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

We have posted signage in every campus building about best practices to prevent the spread of cold, flu and respiratory viruses. In the coming days, there will be increased hand sanitizing stations placed across campus.

**Engaging with Others**

Tuskegee is a very friendly community. We often greet others with a handshake, hug, and sometimes a kiss on the cheek. We want you to think differently as you engage with others, as we we want you to remain safe and healthy.

1. Greet others with a nod or a smile.
2. Consider elbow or fist bumps instead of handshakes and hugs.
3. Try the new and popular heel/foot greeting.

**Enroll in Tiger Alert for Emergency Communications**

Students and employees are encouraged to enroll in Tiger Alert, our primary source of communication during emergencies, at [https://www.myschoolcast.com/go/tu](https://www.myschoolcast.com/go/tu). If already enrolled, please confirm your enrollment, as this is how we will communicate important and time-sensitive emergency information. If your email address or phone number has changed, please go online and update that information.

Tuskegee University continues to closely monitor developments, and the university will continue to follow the guidance of the CDC, the Alabama Department of Public Health and World Health Organization.

Please continue to visit our Coronavirus Update webpage at [www.tuskegee.edu/coronavirus](http://www.tuskegee.edu/coronavirus) for the latest information and how best to engage.

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