

## Information on CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) From South Georgia State

### Introduction

South Georgia State College (SGSC), along with the University System Office and other educational institutions across the state and nation, is carefully monitoring developments of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. SGSC is receiving the most up-to-date information, guidelines, and recommendations from federal and state agencies that can best inform our decisions and shape the College's response. We will continue to provide you with these timely updates as we receive them.

At this time, there have been no reported nor confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus infection at South Georgia State College. However, we are monitoring the State Department of Public Health and the Center for Disease Control for any recent updates and guidelines. We recognize that this is a rapidly evolving situation and that the recommendations of the U.S. Department of State and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention can change frequently.

As such, we strongly encourage all members of the College community to monitor the CDC website as it provides the most current reference information. The link to the CDC website is: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

### Call to Action

We aim to keep our entire community safe so please ensure that you follow the best practices to remain healthy. Prevention is a key strategy with any virus, such as influenza or coronavirus, so it is important to both protect you and take measures against spreading the virus to others. Please see below for some resources that can help to inform you of some best preventative actions.

### Resources

[Frequently Asked Questions](#) (Links to CDC Website)

#### UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA CORONAVIRUS INFORMATION PAGE

<https://www.usg.edu/coronavirus>

#### HOW IS THE VIRUS TRANSMITTED?

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

#### WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS?

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

#### WHAT PRECAUTIONS CAN BE TAKEN TO REDUCE THE RISK OF EXPOSURE?

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>

According to the CDC, these precautions can be taken to reduce the risk of exposure:

- There is currently no vaccine to prevent coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, the CDC always recommends daily preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:
  - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
  - Stay home when you 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 using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
  - Follow CDC's recommendations for using a facemask.
  - CDC does not recommend that people who are well wear a facemask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including COVID-19.
  - Facemasks should be used by people who show symptoms of COVID-19 to help prevent the spread of the disease to others. The use of facemasks is also crucial for health workers and people who are taking care of someone in close settings (at home or in a healthcare facility).
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; 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.

### **Scheduled Events**

At this time, we are continuing with our regularly scheduled events related to, but not limited to, meetings, athletic events and employee and student travel to conferences and events.

Effective, March 9, 2020, all previously approved travel for employees is subject to re-approval.

This includes all travel approved prior to March 9, 2020 related to student clubs, field trips, athletic teams, and professional meetings that has not yet taken place. It includes all travel approved under travel-specific authorizations and blanket authorization to travel.

Steps will be taken to ensure SGSC Administration knows where and when people are traveling, so that we can keep employees up-to-date while they are traveling, if necessary.

The goal is to keep our SGSC campus/community safe and healthy to the best of our ability.

### **Updates**

We will continue to update this website to ensure that you have the most up to date information from South Georgia State College.

### **Additional Resources**

#### **WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO)**

Coronavirus outbreak updates: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

#### **GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH (GPH)**

Coronavirus resource center: <https://dph.georgia.gov/novelcoronavirus>

Information for schools and universities: <https://dph.georgia.gov/document/document/information-schools-and-universities/download>

#### **PRINTABLE RESOURCES FOR SGSC DEPARTMENTS AND FACILITIES**

[What is the Coronavirus? \(PDF\)](#)

[What to do if you think you may have contracted coronavirus \(PDF\)](#)

[Stop the Spread of Germs \(PDF\)](#)

[Steps for Flu Prevention \(PDF\)](#)

[Stay Home When You're Sick \(PDF\)](#)

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