

## **Health Alert: Coronavirus (COVID-19) Monitoring and Preventive Measures**

Alderson Broaddus University is closely monitoring the 2019 novel coronavirus (COVID-19) worldwide outbreak. A task force of college administrators has been convened and working with the Barbour County Health Department to discuss guidelines and implement recommendations made by government and public health agencies, including the State Department, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

At this time, we have no reason to believe that Alderson Broaddus University is at immediate risk. Still, we are taking all reasonable precautions, which includes close monitoring of the evolving information coming from the CDC, the WHO, and our local public health agencies. We will continue to do everything we can to protect and maintain the health of the AB community.

We strongly encourage the campus community to practice the following everyday preventive action to help prevent the spread of cold, flu, and respiratory viruses:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- 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.
- Get a flu vaccine.

While the risk of coronavirus to the AB campus remains low, we are prepared to respond, following all directions from the CDC, and will continue to monitor the disease closely. We will provide further updates as needed.

### **Stay Informed:**

To stay informed, please visit the [CDC](#) and [World Health Organization](#) websites where you'll find the most accurate and up-to-date information. Additional resources include the [West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources](#).

### **Questions or Health Concerns:**

Students with health questions or concerns should contact the AB Wellness Center (on-campus) at 304.457.0040 or the Myers Clinic (off-site) at 304.457.2800. AB faculty and staff should reach out to their primary health care provider.