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Oakwood University Coronavirus Disease 2019 Prevention Update

March 9, 2020 -- As reported by the Alabama Department of Public Health there are no confirmed cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in the State of Alabama. Oakwood University's preparation and planning is in response to the spread of any virus, including the flu (influenza), as well as the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) and based on guidance from the following agencies and groups: US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Public Health Association, American College of Health Association, Alabama Department of Public Health, Madison County Department of Health, as well as University public health professors and researchers, healthcare professionals, and scientists.

The University coronavirus task force is working with departments across the campus to establish and implement specific infectious diseases prevention protocols. These activities are not limited to, but include:

- Health Services will oversee protocols inline with CDC recommendations for Health Services Personnel, Residence Hall Deans, Faculty, Staff, and any student who shows signs of any type of respiratory illness.
- Rigorous environmental cleaning is scheduled to be performed two times per day by custodial and grounds staff to disinfect interior and exterior contact surfaces.
- Office staff, faculty and student workers throughout the day should perform routine cleaning of high touch surfaces (I.e. keyboards, desks, remote controls)
- Surface sanitizers have been provided to all classrooms and all residential halls.
- Human Resources is disseminating workplace resources including CDC guidance posters with messages for staff to remain home when sick and tips on how to avoid the spread of germs when at work.
- The Office of the Provost is working collaboratively with all divisions to ensure academic continuity should typical university operations be disrupted.