Dear Doane Student,

Earlier this week the University sent out a message with a link to a <u>repository site</u> of resources and information on the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19.) This site will continue to evolve as more information becomes available. Employees are encouraged to review the list of <u>symptoms of the Coronavirus</u> and recommendations for <u>prevention and treatment</u> from the CDC.

At Doane, we are putting steps in place to keep our students and employees informed and hopefully prevent the spread of COVID-19. As of this afternoon, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Nebraska according to the CDC. However, the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services says it anticipates the arrival of COVID-19 in the state at some point. If you are displaying symptoms or if you are eventually diagnosed with COVID-19, please take the following steps:

**Stay home when you are sick**: Doane University strongly encourages students to stay home from classes, work, and athletic participation if they are displaying any symptoms of the Coronavirus or if you are feeling ill, in general. If you are sick with COVID-19 or suspect you are infected with the virus that causes COVID-19, please follow the <u>CDC's recommendations for what to do</u>.

**Notify the Student Health Office** at <u>kelly.jirovec@doane.edu</u>. or call 402-826-8265. If a student has been diagnosed with COVID-19 they are required to notify the Student Health Office in order to limit additional exposure. If an employee or student has been diagnosed, Doane will provide a general notice to the Doane community so employees and students can monitor themselves for symptoms and seek treatment as necessary.

**Be diligent in your personal health practices to limit your exposure to all illnesses.** Follow these health practices to limit the spread of illness:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or cough into your elbow.
- Wash your hands with soap and water often for a minimum of 20 seconds and avoid touching your face.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipes.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. Our student's and employee's health, safety and wellbeing are of utmost importance.

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## **Director of Student Health Services**

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