Hello Corvinus!

As you may have heard from the media, and as it was, unfortunately, expected, they have registered the first two coronavirus cases in Hungary. They are Iranian students, one of them, reportedly, studies at Semmelweis University. Their case shows that it’s vital to act responsibly and keep ourselves to the precautionary measures, since only by the respect of these can we guarantee the health and safety of our environment.

Therefore, **we urge our students, teachers and employees coming back from the most affected areas to stay at home for two weeks and look for symptoms.** If you detect any indicative sign (fever, coughing, sore throat) to stay at home, call your GP or get in touch with the National Healthcare Center via the phone numbers 06/80 277-455 or 06-80/277-456.

**We strongly recommend our students, teachers and employees, considering the situation, to not visit any of the affected areas in the near future.** According to the National Healthcare Center’s report, these (China, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, Iran, and the Italian regions of Lombardy, Emilia-Romagna, Piedmont and Veneto) countries and areas can be considered the most affected areas.

We recommend you to take into careful consideration any other travel to abroad, as well as gaining further information about the situation there, as there have been a number of coronavirus cases in other areas, too. If the trip can’t wait, we highly recommend you to gain further information about the situation from the WHO’s constantly updating website.

Based on the procedure in effect, you have to **call your GP first if you have just come back from an affected area.** It’s also recommended to call your GP if you made contact with someone who has come back from an affected area.

**International students, teachers and employees should reach out to their health insurance provider first, from whom they will receive advice regarding the next steps.** All of our international students have been notified of which health care facility to turn to.

Currently, the most effective defense against the virus is prevention. With a few simple hygienic standards, the chance of contamination can be greatly decreased. This applies to both the coronavirus, as well as the seasonal flu, as process of contamination is very similar.

According to the World Health Organization, these standards are:

- Frequent hand-wash with soap or 60% alcohol-based hand rub.
• It’s also recommended to strengthen your immune system by sufficient vitamin-intake and frequent outdoor activities.
• Always use a tissue when coughing and sneezing, throw it out immediately after and wash your hands.
• Avoid contact with anyone having a fever.
• Avoiding some ways of greeting (such as handshake, embrace and kissing) are recommended.
• If you have a fever, always contact your GP via phone, inform them about your case and your recent trips to abroad. Do not personally go to a waiting room if you recently visited a coronavirus-affected area.
• When visiting markets in areas currently experiencing cases of the coronavirus, avoid direct unprotected contact with living animals and surfaces in contact with animals
• Avoid the consumption of raw or undercooked animal products. Raw meat, milk or animal organs should be handled with care, to avoid cross-contamination with uncooked foods.

At Corvinus University the necessary precautions have been undertaken:
• The soap dispensers have been filled with hand sanitizer liquid on all premises of the University, including the dormitories. Posters to raise awareness about hygiene rules have been put up.
• The cleaning services pay increased attention to making sure that the toilets, the basins, the handles and other frequently-touched surfaces are disinfected.

In case you have further questions regarding the procedure, feel free to contact our colleagues at [coronavirusinfo@uni-corvinus.hu](mailto:coronavirusinfo@uni-corvinus.hu).

Let’s take care of ourselves and each other!

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