



# A Message from the Chancellor

Dear Students:

With news about the Novel Coronavirus, or COVID-19, in the headlines, I have important information to share with you regarding the current situation.

First, OCC has no cases of the virus on its campuses, and Michigan has no confirmed cases. Your risk of exposure is very low. According to health experts, you have a greater risk of contracting the flu virus than the Coronavirus. You can help keep yourself, fellow students, co-workers, family members and others healthy by following good illness-prevention habits, including:

- Wash your hands thoroughly and frequently.
- If you don't have access to a sink, use an alcohol-based sanitizer (62% alcohol or greater).
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- If you feel a sneeze or cough building, quickly move away from people and sneeze or cough into a tissue, your shirt or elbow. Immediately throw the tissue in the trash.
- Avoid close contact and sharing cups or eating utensils with other people.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces in shared spaces.

Second, stay home from class, work or social settings if you have flu-like symptoms, especially if you have a fever.

You can find additional information and links to the latest updates, travel and health tips regarding COVID-19 on the OCC website at [Coronavirus](#).

I want to assure you that we have an active response plan and are in regular contact with the [Oakland County Health Division](#) to monitor the Coronavirus situation. If a case is suspected or confirmed in our area, we will consult with Oakland County health officials to determine the impact on the OCC community and take the appropriate actions to safeguard our students, faculty and staff.

In the unlikely event that the College is required to close, we are working with faculty leadership to create plans to mitigate class disruption.

Enjoy your mid-Winter recess next week!

Sincerely,

**Peter Provenzano Jr.**