

COVID-19 Update for the DCDT Community

Hello DCDT Community Member:

I am writing to you today in regards to the Coronavirus, COVID-19, epidemic. Please know first and foremost that we continue to carefully monitor this situation at Lawrence Technological University as it has spread to a growing number of countries and states, including to several individuals here in Michigan.

LTU's leadership is meeting regularly to manage the University's response. We are following guidance from local, state, and federal public health agencies with the one goal to keep Lawrence Tech students, faculty, staff, and guests safe and healthy.

Effective immediately, the following actions will go into effect at the Southfield campus and LTU's Detroit Center for Design and Technology:

- **Spring break for students will be extended for one week**, continuing through Sunday, March 22. From Monday, March 23 through Saturday, March 28, all classes will be taught online. Beginning March 23, students should refer to LTU's Canvas learning platform for more details about their online schedule of classes.
- **Because of the online classes, students should not return to campus until Monday, March 30.**
- **The DCDT is not closed - and continues to be open to our community / CoWork members.** Staff will report for work as usual.
- **All Center events and activities scheduled through Friday, April 3 with more than 100 attendees, whether sponsored by LTU or outside groups, are cancelled or postponed until April 3.** If this affects an event that you are holding with us - please contact the administrative team directly in order to facilitate a solution.
- **The Center is currently stepping up efforts to clean and disinfect our facilities and surfaces.**
- **International travel by our community members is strongly discouraged. If you have traveled internationally, we must be made aware of this prior to you**

For updated information from state health officials, visit <https://www.michigan.gov/coronavirus/>.

A reminder that the Center for Disease Control's recommendations for prudent flu hygiene have not changed. Whether you are personally staying local, traveling within the US, or traveling abroad, heed the following precautions:

- Keep your immunizations up-to-date including an annual flu shot.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- 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 using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe
- Wash your hands often with soap and water following the CDC's handwashing guidelines (<https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/>)

If you feel that you have been exposed to Coronavirus or are at risk, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advises that individuals call ahead and notify your health care provider of your symptoms and recent travel history. Contact with others should be avoided until a healthcare provider has provided an evaluation.

Members of the Lawrence Tech / DCDT community and all visitors traveling from [CDC designated countries listed as Level 3](#) are required to self-quarantine for 14 days. The current listed countries are China, Italy, Iran, and South Korea. You must [submit this form](#) to report this information to the Dean of Students under the following circumstances:

- If you have returned from or traveled from China, Italy, Iran or South Korea in the last 14 days or are currently there, please immediately report this.
- If you have had contact with anyone who has been confirmed by laboratory testing to have COVID-19 or anyone who is currently being tested,
- If you are being actively monitored or observed by any local, county, state or federal public health agency due to risk of Coronavirus, please report immediately.

Questions about the reporting process can be directed to dcdt@detroit.design.

Here are links to additional information:

CDC Infosheet on Coronavirus

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>

CDC Infosheet on what to do if you have Coronavirus

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/steps-when-sick.html>

CDC Information for Travelers

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

More bulletins on this evolving situation will be provided as needed. Thank you for your cooperation and patience as all members of the Lawrence Tech community work through this situation together.



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