



5 March 2020

Dear Faculty, Staff and Students:

If you have been keeping up with the news, you are aware of the coronavirus (2019-n-CoV) that originated in Wuhan, China in January. While there are no cases currently within the Grace Community or in the State of Michigan, we are closely monitoring this situation as it has recently spread to the United States. The health and safety of students, faculty, and staff is of paramount importance.

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Michigan Department for Public Health have provided a health advisory and recommendations for higher education campuses. While the scope of the infection within the United States is unknown, we are taking this very seriously, and are formulating response plans should the coronavirus come closer to our region. We have, and will continue to take proper precautions and follow the advice of our local state health officials as we prepare for possible impact.

While we continue to monitor this situation, our cleaning staff are putting extra focus on regularly disinfecting surfaces to prevent the spread of illness. Please join us in this preventative work by taking some simple actions as recommended by the CDC:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth
- Wash your hands with hot water and soap for at least 20 seconds, especially after using the restroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- Stay home if you are ill

Please join me in the most powerful action step, which did not make the CDC list: PRAYER! Pray for those most affected by this outbreak. Pray that the spread of the coronavirus will end. As we find out more information about the coronavirus and how it is impacting our region and our educational community, we will pass along that information to you. The Grace Administrative Team is collaborating across the campus to ensure all of our students, faculty, and staff can finish the Spring 2020 semester well whether that be through traditional or nontraditional ways.

Thank you for your participation in the preventative measures listed above. Please pray for the protection of our community and for those near and far who are affected by this outbreak.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken B. Kemper". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K".

Ken B. Kemper  
President