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Dear All,

I am writing to provide you with an update on the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV):

One case has recently been identified at U Mass-Boston.
Know that all measures have been taken to isolate the patient & limit the spread of the infection.
There is no immediate threat to the community at U Mass-Boston and there is no threat to the community at large.

As always, please be mindful of your patients & surroundings. Kindly follow these instructions:

- 1: Please protect yourself and others when you cough or sneeze.
PER CDC: YOU MUST BE ATLEAST 6 FEET AWAY FROM A COUGHING, SNEEZING PATIENT WITH FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS & FEVER.

- 2: Resort to frequent hand-washing.
YOU MUST WASH YOUR HANDS WITH SOAP & WATER, BEFORE & AFTER TREATING YOUR PATIENT.

- 3: All work surfaces, door knobs etc., must be wiped down and kept clean.
There should be no eating or drinking in the work area.
Avoid sharing food or drinks with others.

- 4: **Treat EVERYONE with respect.**
PER CDC, YOU CAN ASK YOUR PATIENT IF THEY HAVE TRAVELLED TO CHINA IN THE PAST 14 DAYS, IF YOUR PATIENT IS COUGHING, SNEEZING, HAS DIFFICULTY BREATHING & HAS FLU-LICK SYMPTOMS.
PLEASE OFFER THE PATIENT A MASK AND REFER THE PATIENT TO THEIR PCP IMMEDIATELY.

- 5: **ANY STUDENT, STAFF OR FACULTY EXPERIENCING FLU-LICK SYMPTOMS, COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH: PLEASE STAY HOME AND CONTACT YOUR PCP IMMEDIATELY.**

Thanks & be safe,
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