



# XAVIER

UNIVERSITY of LOUISIANA

Office of Student Affairs

Dear Xavierites,

It is time to pick up our shields and protect our health and the health of our university community.

As you may have heard by now, the Louisiana Department of Health has reported presumptive cases of novel coronavirus (COVID -19) in New Orleans. The cases are considered presumptive until the CDC can officially confirm. While the risk of contracting the virus is still currently low in New Orleans, the university continues to prepare and assess our risks.

Each of us has a responsibility to keep the campus environment healthy and safe. Everyone has a role to play in getting ready and staying healthy, by practicing preventative behavior.

Let's start employing social distancing measures. Limit physical contact and learn how to show support and love by reducing the potential spread of COVID-19:

- Clean your personal items such as cell phones and cases
- Substitute handshakes, with throwing up your "XU"
- Avoid directly touching door handles, elevator buttons and hand-rails
- Replace hugs and kisses with elbow or fist bumps, peace signs or affectionate gestures
- Avoid sharing personal household items or meals.
- Drinking glasses, eating utensils, towels, and personal hygiene items should not be shared.

To protect yourselves and others in the Xavier community, it is important that we **continue** to take these standard preventative precautions:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth and those whom present symptoms of illness.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use hand sanitizers that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Additional hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed in all buildings on campus
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.

The above tips can help prevent the spread of the flu, and they are effective against the spread of COVID-19, as well. If you have not gotten a flu shot, **it is not too late.**

Rest assured that plans are in place to continue our work academically, provide support services, and continue business operations if more preventative measures are needed as the situation evolves. Please check your emails, monitor official Xavier social media accounts, visit [www.xula.edu](http://www.xula.edu) and do your part to protect yourselves and your fellow Xavierites.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Curtis Wright".

Curtis Wright, Vice President

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