Information to Recent Travelers Regarding Coronavirus

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With the upcoming return of several international and domestic travelers from their Interim experiences, we want to provide information about the coronavirus symptoms and the next steps if travelers begin to have symptoms of concern. Here’s what you need to know:

• A novel coronavirus (2019-n-CoV) has been identified in Wuhan, China, with cases reported involving fever and acute respiratory illness. No cases of this coronavirus have been identified at Calvin University or in the state of Michigan at this time. However, the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff is our highest priority.

• The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Michigan Department for Public Health have provided a health advisory and recommendations for higher education campuses, regarding the risk assessment for anyone who has recently traveled to areas where cases of 2019-n-CoV have been confirmed.

• Any Calvin student, faculty, or staff member who has traveled to mainland China within the past two weeks and develops symptoms of lower respiratory illness — which include cough, shortness of breath, and fever — should call Calvin Health Services at 616-526-6187, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. It is important that you inform the scheduler that you were in mainland China or another region known to have cases of coronavirus and describe your symptoms. Screening is free and confidential.

• After office hours, you may contact the on-call physician at 616-526-6678, or you may go to any of the local Emergency Departments in Grand Rapids. If you go to an Emergency Department or any health care facility, please be sure to inform them of your travel history and symptoms and let them know that you are from Calvin University.

• For more information about coronavirus, go to: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/