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To the Chinese International Student Community at Virginia Tech,

We are working closely with relevant experts throughout the university to monitor information from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding the outbreak of the respiratory illness caused by a new strain of coronavirus that originated in Wuhan, China.

We want to make sure you are aware that due to advisories issued by the CDC and the US Department of State, and in accordance with Virginia Tech Policy 1070: Global Travel Policy, no university-supported travel is authorized to China, and no university-supported travel is authorized from China. In extraordinary circumstances, departments can petition the Global Travel Oversight Committee (GTOC) for a waiver for essential travel by contacting GTOC at VTGlobalSafety@vt.edu.

We realize this outbreak and related travel restrictions may have affected you and/or your family members in China in significant ways, so we want you to know that we are here to support you. There are many resources available at Virginia Tech to help you through any difficulties you may be experiencing:

- For health-related questions or concerns: Schiffert Health Center | +1.540.231.6444 | healthcenter@vt.edu
- For immigration-related questions or concerns for undergraduate international students: Cranwell International Center | +1.540.231.6527 | international@vt.edu
- For immigration-related questions or concerns for graduate international students: Graduate Student Immigration Services | +1.540.231.8486 | igss@vt.edu
- For mental health services (e.g., counseling): Cook Counseling Center | +1.540.231.6557 | counseling@vt.edu
- For academic-related questions or concerns: Contact your academic department and/or the Office of the Dean of Students | +1.540.231.3787 | dean.students@vt.edu
- For additional advice, advocacy, care, and support services: Office of the Dean of Students | +1.540.231.3787 | dean.students@vt.edu

As the situation continues to evolve both in China and abroad, please be sure to check the University Status website regularly for real-time and/or urgent updates specific to the university campus.

Please let us know how we can be of further assistance to you.

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* Intercultural Development Inventory
* Intercultural Conflict Style Inventory