So you need to spend some time out of circulation

Duke Student Health: (919) 681-WELL (9355), Option 2 for nurse
After Hours call: (919) 966-3820
Hours: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm (M, W, F)
8:00 am – 7:00 pm (Tu)
9:00 am – 5:00 pm (Th)

Thank you for helping us care for you. Given that you have recently traveled from a destination in which the new coronavirus (COVID-19) is circulating, you are being asked to “self-quarantine” (stay out of circulation) and to monitor your symptoms upon return to campus. Duke Student Health, DukeReach, and Student Affairs are here to support you as you reacclimate to life on campus and navigate this period of uncertainty.

Hearing that you are “being quarantined” and restricted from connection on campus may feel kind of scary, but the goal of this period of time is simply to ensure that you are healthy, while also protecting others from exposure to illness.

What to have on hand
Some students may self-quarantine in their own off-campus room/house; others may need to relocate. In some circumstances, students may be quarantined together. To make your stay more enjoyable, you will want to have enough clean and comfortable clothes for the number of days you’ll be laying low, a favorite pillow or blanket, your cell phone, and laptop. You’ll also need a toiletry kit, eyewear, and any prescription and non-prescription medications.

A self-care kit should include

- Digital thermometer (for daily use)
- Water bottle (stay hydrated!)
- Temperature & symptom log (see next page)
- Face masks (if you need to use a shared bathroom, health care facility, etc.)
- Hand sanitizer (for times you can’t wash)
- Alcohol wipes (for cleaning, as needed)

What to watch for...

Symptoms related to COVID-19 include:

- fever (above 100.4 °F)
- Cough
- shortness of breath
- Rhinorrhea (runny nose)
- Headache
- Myalgias (Muscle aches)
- Sore throat

In more severe cases, infection can cause pneumonia and other complications, especially for older individuals and those with other health conditions.

To access health services & support
Please take your temperature daily and record your symptoms on the health log located on the next page. Duke Student Health staff will monitor your health status periodically by phone, email, or through video visit, asking for your temperature and other pertinent health questions. If you develop symptoms or need medical triage/help while in quarantine, please call Duke Student Health at (919) 681-WELL (9355), option 2. A Duke Student Health triage nurse will determine if you should leave the premises to seek medical attention.

Communication with family
Your personal health information is confidential. You will need to sign a release before our staff will be able to speak with your parents, other family members, or friends.

Common feelings
Everyone reacts differently to stressful situations such as an infectious disease outbreak that require changes in location or behavior. When you’re out of circulation for a few days, you may experience a range of feelings, including:

- Anxiety, worry, or fear related to your health status or that of others
- Feeling special; like you’re having an adventure
- Anger or resentment of the inconvenience
- Worry about not having your things with you or not doing your usual routine
- Uncertainty or concern about how long you will need to remain in this situation
- Excitement to have some alone time to rest and catch up on reading
- Loneliness or feeling cut off
- Boredom and frustration
- Sadness or depression
- Symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
While you're laying low
You can still connect with friends and family via computer and phone. However, please do not break quarantine until after 14 days is over, or until 14 days after the last returning traveler joins your shared living space, (if applicable). Limits that apply to you during your time in quarantine:

• Do not go to classes, the library, or other academic/social/athletic functions.
• Do not use public transportation or go to shopping centers.
• Do not have friends or family with you in your isolation room or apartment.
• Wear a mask if you need to use a shared bathroom, go to a health care appointment, etc.

Nerd Alert: know your public health terms...
When communicable infections circulate, communities try reduce the spread in several ways, depending on the severity of the illness, the ease of transmission, and the local and national policies of the time. Often, more than one method is employed during an outbreak.

Quarantine is designed to separate and restrict the movement of people who are at a higher risk of having been exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick. It lasts long enough to ensure a person has not contracted the infectious illness.

Isolation prevents the spread of an infectious disease by separating people who are already sick from those who are not. It lasts as long as the disease is contagious.

Support is a call away
Students who need support can contact:

• Duke Student Health to speak with a triage nurse for advice call: (919) 681-WELL (9355)
• DukeReach: (919) 684-1161 dukereach@duke.edu
• Counseling & Psychological Services (CAPS): (919) 660-1000
• International House: support for international students and families ihouse@duke.edu
• National Crisis Text Line: Text HOME to 741741

If your temperature is >100.4 °F, or if you feel like you have a fever, and you have a cough or shortness of breath, call Duke Student Health at (919) 681-WELL (9355), option 2 to discuss symptoms. Note: COVID-19 symptoms and some cold/flu symptoms can be similar. Please consult with Duke Student Health right away.

Your daily health log
Please record your temperature once or twice daily, and write down any symptoms or concerns:

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Please know you are a valued member of this community. Your health and well-being are important to us and we are here to assist as needed.

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