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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As you are very aware, the U.S. and global communities are experiencing an outbreak of the coronavirus (COVID-19), originating in the Wuhan province of China. While the situation continues to evolve with a vast amount of information being reported, I want to let everyone know that the UA is continuously and closely monitoring multiple information channels via labor and government sources as well as local and national news reports.

In light of recent developments, the UA is directing you to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for more comprehensive [guidance on COVID-19](#). The CDC is closely monitoring the outbreak and updating their website as necessary. The CDC has prepared downloadable fact sheets and [videos about COVID-19](#) that are useful tools for sharing this important information.

The CDC recommends some everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases including influenza and COVID-19.

- Frequently wash your hands with warm water and soap for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer, if soap and water are unavailable. [CDC's Clean Hands Save Lives!](#)
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a flexed elbow or tissue when sneezing or coughing.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with anyone who has a fever or cough.
- Stay at home if you are sick.
- Seek early medical help if you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, and share your travel history with healthcare providers.

Following the preventive actions outlined by the CDC will help safeguard your health and the health of your family. Staying informed and following the guidance provided is the best way to help prevent illness. If you have any questions please contact **Brad Karbowsky**, UA Administrative Assistant to the General President or **Cheryl Ambrose**, UA Health, Safety and Environmental Administrator.

Fraternally yours,

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