

**Southeast Tech**  
Academic Affairs – Clinical Placement Update  
**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

**Purpose:**

To provide the School Board with an Academic Affairs - Clinical Placement Update.

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The Academic Affairs department is working diligently to appropriately prepare for students returning to campus for the fall semester and to participate in clinical and preceptor rotations at medical facilities. Dr. Benjamin Valdez, Vice President of Academic Affairs, will provide an update on what measures the Academic Affairs department is working on ensuring the campus can safely welcome students back and hold face-to-face classes in the fall. Then Ms. Jaclyn Kramer, Associate Dean of Curriculum and Instruction for Nursing, and Ms. Ruby Castardo, Surgical Technology Faculty, will provide the board with an update on how students are being prepared to participate in clinical rotations.

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**Administrative Recommendation to School Board:**

To acknowledge the Academic Affairs – Clinical Placement Update Report.



**CORONAVIRUS**  
**COVID - 19**

# WHAT IS NOVEL CORONAVIRUS?

- A novel coronavirus is a new coronavirus that has not been previously identified.
- COVID-19 is a new disease, caused by a novel (or new) coronavirus that has not previously been seen in humans.
- There are many types of human coronaviruses including some that commonly cause mild upper-respiratory tract illnesses.
- First identified in Wuhan China

# **WHY IS THE DISEASE CALLED CORONAVIRUS?**

The World Health Organization announced the official name for the disease in February. The new name of this disease is coronavirus disease 2019, abbreviated as COVID-19.

COVID-19 = 'CO' stands for 'corona,' 'VI' for 'virus,' and 'D' for disease

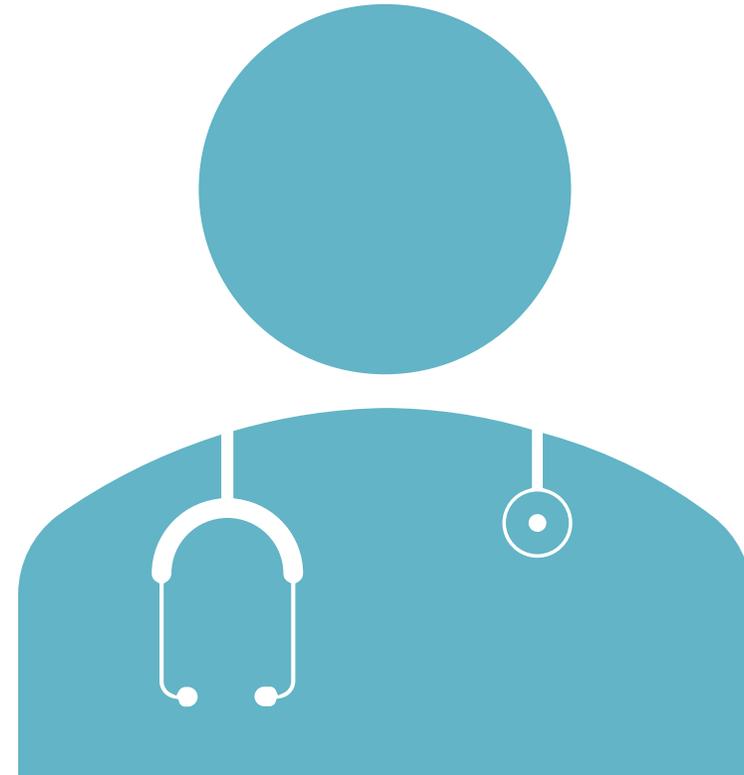
The disease has also been referred to as "2019 novel coronavirus" or "2019-nCoV".

# HOW COVID-19 SPREADS

- Mainly person to person
- Respiratory droplets (droplets produced by breathing, talking, sneezing, coughing)
- Close contact with others
- Community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected.
- Currently, there is no evidence to support transmission of COVID-19 associated with food. Wash your hands for at least 20 seconds before preparing food or eating.
- It may be possible that a person can get COVID-19 by touching a surface or object that has the virus on it, but this is not thought to be the main way the virus spreads.

# SYMPTOMS

- A wide range of symptoms have been identified. Some include
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fever
  - Chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Sore throat
  - New loss of taste or smell



# IF YOU ARE SICK



Stay home



Call your doctor or health care provider



Monitor symptoms



Wear a face mask/covering



Wash your hands often for a minimum of 20 seconds



Clean surfaces daily

# PROTECTING YOURSELF & OTHERS



Washing hands often



Avoiding close contact with people who are sick,  
and practicing social distancing



Cover mouth and nose with a face cover when  
around others



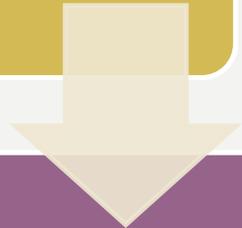
Cover coughs and sneezes



Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched  
surfaces daily

# A FLUID SITUATION

Due to COVID-19 being a new virus information is continually changing as more data is gathered and research completed.



This presentation included current information about the virus from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

# WANT TO KNOW MORE?

- Center for Disease Control and Prevention
  - <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- World Health Organization
  - <https://www.who.int/>

