FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. How is TCU responding to the Ebola situation?

A. The TCU homepage and News & Events are being continually updated with current news about the Ebola situation with links to the Tarrant County Public Health and Centers for Disease Control. Chancellor Victor J. Boschini, Jr. has sent an all-campus email emphasizing the need for vigilance and personal responsibility in monitoring one’s own health and taking appropriate action if one feels ill.

Q. What action should be taken if one feels ill?

A. TCU students, faculty and staff members experiencing symptoms of any illness are strongly urged to seek immediate assistance from health care providers and to stay home from school or work. The TCU Health Center, which serves the student community, is located at 2825 Stadium Dr. and is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Appointments, advice and after-hours service are available by calling 817-257-7940. In case of a health emergency, residential students should call TCU Police at 817-257-7777. For those living off-campus, please call 911. Faculty, staff and parents with concerns about students may contact the Office of Student Affairs at 817-257-7820.

Q. What does the Health Center do when a sick student walks in the door?

A. All students are screened upon entering by answering a few questions. Protocols are in place to deal with any and all scenarios. A student who comes in with the usual symptoms of illness but no possible exposure to an Ebola patient will be monitored and treated accordingly. If the student is released and does not own a thermometer, one will be provided.

Q. Has anyone on campus (faculty, staff or student) shown Ebola symptoms?

A. No.

Q. What is being done to protect nursing students working in area hospitals in practicum coursework/clinicals?

A. Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences consistently educates its students in procedures to care for patients with infectious diseases prior to clinical coursework. Infection prevention is an integral component of the nursing curriculum and is reinforced each semester. Local hospitals where Harris College students participate in practicum coursework say nursing students will not be allowed to care for patients diagnosed with Ebola.

Nursing students who exhibit signs of illness will not be allowed to remain in the clinical setting.
Q. According to news reports, the story seems to change every day … what is TCU doing to keep up with the evolving situation?

A. TCU has formed a committee made up of heads of key campus areas (student affairs, risk management, health care, facilities, communications, etc.). These individuals are dedicated to monitoring the Ebola situation in their areas and determining any additional steps the University might need to take.

If you have questions not covered in this FAQ, please email News@tcu.edu.