Information on the Coronavirus

Coronavirus refers to a large family of viruses that cause diseases ranging from the common cold to more severe conditions, such as the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (Mers-CoV) and the Severe Acute Respiratory System (Sars-CoV). The new coronavirus is a variant of the coronavirus, called 2019-nCoV, until recently not identified in humans. The identification of this new virus occurred by means of an epidemiological and laboratorial investigation, after notification of pneumonia cases of unknown cause between December 2019 and January 2020, initially diagnosed in the Chinese city of Wuhan, capital of Hubei province.

How is it transmitted?
Transmission occurs through close contact with infected persons.

What are the main symptoms?
Symptoms include coughing, fever and breathing difficulties.

Important precautions
- Wash your hands frequently for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, specially before eating, after using public transport, visiting crowded places such as markets, shopping malls, cinemas etc., and after coughing or sneezing. If you do not have access to water and soap, use alcohol gel 70%;
- Do not share personal objects;
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth;
- Cover nose and mouth with a disposable tissue when coughing and sneezing (and discard it after use). Avoid using your hands to do so, but if you do, wash them with water and soap;
- There is currently no specific recommendation for the use of masks by the general public, only for people who suspect they might be infected by COVID-19.

Health measures to protect and control human infection by Covid-19 are being developed as the World Organization of Health consolidates information received from affected countries and new technical and scientific evidences are published. There are currently no indications for the application of any restrictions on international traffic based on the available information.

Advice for travellers returning from areas with local COVID-19 transmission
If you travelled to areas with local transmission, or had contact with a suspected coronavirus case in the last 14 days, and have a fever, coughing or difficulty breathing, it is recommended that you:
- Seek medical attention immediately and provide detailed information about your recent travel history and the symptoms you are experiencing;
- Avoid contact with other people if you show symptoms such as coughing, fever and breathing difficulties;
- Avoid crowded places and enclosed spaces;
- Adopt standard precautionary measures.
NOTE: It is recommended not to travel while ill or experiencing the symptoms above.

If you have travelled to areas where virus transmission has occurred in the last 14 days, if you had close contact with someone who may be infected or if you are experiencing coughing, fever and breathing difficulties you should seek CECOM at Unicamp. At the reception area, take a number, pick up a mask provided and seek the CECOM staff.
CECOM also offers personalized service with pre and post travel guidance for those who wish to travel to any destination in Brazil or worldwide. Should you need it, please schedule an appointment with the Travelers' Health Program.

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