Coronavirus timeline
How news of its impact on MSU’s campus evolved

Jan. 24 – University Physician addresses China coronavirus outbreak

MSU Physician David Womack issued a statement Jan. 24 about possible coronavirus cases originating in Wuhan, China.

While MSU leaders take the concern, the risk of being exposed to the virus at MSU is minimal, David Goo, MSU Deputy spokesperson, said.

Jan. 28 – Three Michigan coronavirus samples tested negative

A trio of MSU students — students in underclass — tested for the coronavirus but came up negative, according to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, or MDHHS.

A fourth possible case from Washtenaw County was sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, or CDC, for testing.

State health officials were pleased with the results, Goo said in a press release.

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