

Dear KCKCC Family,

As a follow-up to yesterday's email, this letter is to provide additional information regarding steps being taken to help protect our college community against possible infection of the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

- In addition to individuals who may have personally traveled to a COVID-19 affected area, if you are an **employee or student who lives or has come into close contact** with someone who has traveled to a **COVID-19 affected area**, please contact HR or the college nurse.
- As of today, the following are identified as domestic **COVID-19 affected areas**: **California**; **Colorado**; **East Coast**, DC to Boston including Baltimore; **Florida** State; **Georgia**, Atlanta; **Illinois**, Chicago; **Iowa**, Des Moines, Cedar Rapids, Iowa City; **Nebraska**, Omaha and Lincoln; **New York** State; **Oregon Coast**; **Texas**, Austin, Dallas, Houston, Galveston; **Washington** State. As the outbreak evolves, this list will as well.

The outbreak of COVID-19 is a rapidly changing situation. Today, March 11, the World Health Organization declared the coronavirus outbreak a global pandemic. To help stop the spread of the virus in the State of Washington, the governor just announced the cancellation and banning of all events over 250 people. This not only affects sporting events, but also movie theaters, large restaurants and many other venues. In New York, quarantine and "containment zones" have been created to allow the National Guard to come in and help clean infected areas.

These are unprecedented times. As educational institutions, we must be committed to educating our students and taking the necessary actions to keep our entire college community as safe and healthy as possible. President's Cabinet met for several hours today discussing strategies how to do both. As an outcome, any requested travel taking place between now and May 22 involving air travel or other form of large public transportation was canceled. Additionally, multiple events scheduled to bring guests from distant locations on campus were canceled as well.

To help keep you and the rest of the college community as safe as possible while still serving our students, the difficult decisions and preventative measures that were taken today, and the more difficult decisions that may come in the near future will likely be different than decisions that have been made in the past. The current situation must be considered when making current decisions. You can be assured any decisions will be made based on what is in the best interest of the college as a whole. We must be disciplined in any decision being made, keeping the health and well-being of everyone who works and studies at KCKCC as our number one priority.

To help ensure sharing of timely and up-to-date information related to KCKCC and COVID-19, the following webpage has been created. <https://www.kckcc.edu/communications/coronavirus-update.html> This website will serve as a mechanism to communicate updates as new information becomes available both globally and locally. Please, check the website for updates. Additional information about COVID-19 can be found at the [Center for Disease Control Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)

Thank you for your understanding and support of each other during these unique times.

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