Dear NSC Community,

The College continues to closely monitor information related to the Coronavirus Disease 2019, also known as COVID-19. While the COVID-19 outbreak is a serious public health threat, the immediate risk from the virus to the general public in Clark County and the United States remains low at this time.

**Presumptive Positive Case**
The Southern Nevada Health District is reporting three new presumptive positive coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases, bringing the total to five cases in Clark County. Test results are considered “presumptive positive” until the result is confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Health District will provide additional updates as more information becomes available. Our team will continue to monitor the situation and periodic updates will be issued as warranted.

**Added Cleaning**
The College has taken on added cleaning measures to include additional touch point sanitization on handrails, building entrances, and elevators. Hand sanitizing dispensers are being installed at entrances of each building and in highly populated areas. Once additional supplies arrive, every floor of each building will have a hand sanitizing dispenser.

Please do not bring in personal disinfectants without approval from Facilities. Also, please minimize or eliminate use of essential oils and air fragrances as these can have a significant impact on the ability of those with respiratory ailments to resist viral strains.

**Travel Advisory**
If you are planning to travel to an international destination, be aware that you may face unpredictable circumstances, travel restrictions, and challenges returning home or accessing healthcare while abroad. Exercise caution when traveling to countries with a CDC level 2 Travel Health Notice. Travel to countries with a CDC Warning Level 3 Health Notice https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices should be avoided. As of today, those countries include Italy, Iran, South Korea, and China. In the United States, certain areas of Washington, California, and New York are the areas reporting the highest number of COVID-19 cases to the CDC.

Student travelers should work with their advisors to assess the risk and destination to make a joint decision.

**College-Sponsored Travel**
If you opt to cancel a conference trip or the conference is cancelled due to COVID-19 concerns, take immediate steps to cancel airfare, registration, and hotel accommodations in order to maximize possible refunds. Travelers who cancel their
conference trips will NOT be held responsible if the cost is not refundable. For now, please use Southwest Airlines wherever possible or book refundable fares to avoid loss.

**Health District Recommendations**

To help the response:

- Do not go to the emergency department unless it is essential. Emergency departments need to be able to serve those with the most critical needs.
- If you have a mild cough, fever, or other respiratory symptoms, contact your doctor first.
- Practice everyday preventive actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses:
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
  - Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
  - Cover your cough and sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
  - Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

- Stay home when you are sick.


The health and well-being of our community continues to be our priority. Chancellor Thom Reilly has issued a memo to NSHE’s institution presidents. You can read it [here](http://example.com). If you have any questions, please contact Edith Fernández, Vice President of College and Community Engagement, who is working closely with Gregg Maye from the University Police Services’ Office of Emergency Management.

Sincerely,

Bart Patterson
President

*Please consult the websites below for updated accurate information:*
Southern Nevada Health District
https://www.southernnevadahealthdistrict.org/

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
https://www.cdc.gov/

You may also call the Southern Nevada Health District’s COVID-19 line for specific questions on personal health concerns: (702) 759-4636.