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Message from the President

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Dear Campus Community,

I write you today to discuss where we are in light of the emerging and uncertain COVID-19 (coronavirus) outbreak. First, I want to assure you that **there have been no coronavirus infections identified at Cal Maritime**. Campus leaders are working in close coordination with the Solano County Public Health Department, and the risk remains low at this time for the general public in Solano County, which of course includes our campus. Most campus activities will continue as usual, and we will implement additional precautions and updated processes and protocols as the situation unfolds.

Our ongoing actions, as they relate to this situation will be guided by three principles:

- First and foremost, the health and safety of the campus community will be our top priority.
- We will sustain our educational mission to ensure that all of our cadets can graduate on time.
- We will continue to assess and monitor the situation alongside public health and state and local officials.

Here on campus, we are taking additional steps toward preventing the spread of germs. In the residence halls, Dining Hall, classrooms and offices, procedures include regular disinfection of all common spaces and regularly touched surfaces. Hygiene stations have been installed in every residence hall. Food service is checking water temperatures and ensuring frequent glove changing. Handwashing stations have also been placed outside the Dining Center, and additional hand sanitizing stations are being placed in high-traffic areas. **To help you remain current on the situation, campus communications, FAQs, and links to additional resources are being updated regularly at www.csum.edu/web/alert/covid-19.**

Please take precautions to minimize your risk by following the healthy practices laid out by health care professionals:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.

Additionally, cadets who feel sick should call the Student Health Center at 707-654-1170. You may also access a nurse advice line after hours at the same number. Please notify your professor or your manager if you will miss school or work, and contact your health care provider.

As for campus operations and classes, we intend to continue in-person classes and continue with normal campus activities. Of course, we will adapt to changing circumstances. Our campus location in a low-risk COVID-19 county, which is relatively remote from urban areas and transient populations, and our ability to control access to campus allow us to continue our educational mission while taking precautions to reduce COVID-19 risks. Recent decisions by large urban campuses in the region (Cal Berkeley, San Jose State and San Francisco State) to suspend in-person classes highlight the many different circumstances under which multiple campuses will make different decisions.

There are a number of Cal Maritime schedule modifications that have been implemented already given decisions by the Chancellor. The first is the cancellation of International Experience trips. The Chancellor has canceled all international travel and all non-essential domestic travel until May 31. Importantly, this decision does NOT affect the summer training cruise, which will proceed as planned. Co-ops and commercial cruise will likely face some modifications subject to guidance from the Governor's Office, California Department of Public Health, the Chancellor's Office, MARAD, and participating companies. We will keep you informed as we work our way through to getting these educational milestones scheduled and completed.

Unless otherwise noted, we will continue with the campus calendar of events. Decisions for cancellations will be made by event organizers – and expect any cancellations to be made closer to the event, so that the decision reflects the conditions anticipated for that date or timeframe.

As you well know, this virus outbreak has created many uncertainties and requires constant vigilance and adaptation by everyone. Our campus leadership is committed to the health and safety of our campus community as our top priority. We are also committed to sustaining the academic mission of Cal Maritime and the on-time graduation of every cadet. Through close partnerships with state and local officials, we have a very clear and timely picture of the COVID-19 environment affecting our campus. We will share important updates with you as the situation inevitably changes. Thank you for doing your part to keep Cal Maritime safe and moving ahead.

Warm regards,



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