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OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

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Dear Campus Community,

I would like to provide the campus community with an update on the actions we are taking at Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) to address the virus crisis. The health, safety, and well-being of our campus community are among my highest priorities as your Interim Chancellor. As the global spread of the COVID-19 virus, or coronavirus, continues to be a threat to our students, faculty, and staff, the university is committed to the overall safety of all our stakeholders.

At this time, there have been no cases of the virus on campus. In keeping with the recommendations of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and our local and state health departments, we are acting to reduce the concentration of people on campus and the number of gatherings. We are implementing remote instruction on **March 23rd** until the end of semester to reduce the number of students on campus. In addition, we are canceling campus events and suspending all travel until further notice. However, residential housing, dining services, campus facilities, and administrative/staff offices will remain open during regular hours of operations.

What does this mean for the SUNO campus?

- Classes will be suspended today, March 12th at noon and tomorrow, March 13th. SUNO has rescheduled Spring Break for Monday, March 16th through Saturday, March 21st to allow faculty and staff to engage in professional development activities focused on preparation for remote instruction.
- All university sponsored events with more than 50 attendees will be canceled until further notice.
- All university sponsored international and domestic travel is suspended until further notice. All travelers arriving from Level 3 countries will be required to self-isolate for 14 days after their arrival in the U.S. before being allowed back on campus.

We understand that this announcement will generate questions. Please be assured we are here to support our students, faculty, and staff. Many aspects of the Coronavirus are out of our hands, but we are committed to ensuring our students continue in their courses of instruction.

This is a rapidly evolving situation, and SUNO's Coronavirus Task Force is monitoring the latest developments.

Being vigilant helps us protect our campus community as a whole, and we are still in the regular cold and flu season. With this in mind, **please stay home if you feel sick or have a fever.** The Louisiana Department Health Department (LDH) has these recommendations if you are sick:

- Keep in mind that this is a virus and treat the illness as you would with any other virus, like the flu.
If you have a runny nose, cough, fever, or other common respiratory infection symptoms, take Tylenol- or Motrin-like products and stay home until you are fever-free for 24 hours.
- If you think you need medical care, call your healthcare provider for their instruction before leaving home.

Social media is a powerful tool. With that being said, please be aware of any rumors and speculation on social media. To ensure that you have the facts, monitor the University's official communications outlets as we will post daily updates as it relates to the campus community. **For more up-to-date information, please visit our website at www.suno.edu or follow us on our social media outlets.**

With warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James H. Ammons".

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