



## SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AT NEW ORLEANS

6400 Press Drive  
New Orleans, LA 70126  
Phone: (504) 286-5311 Fax: (504) 286-5000  
[www.suno.edu](http://www.suno.edu)

### Office of the Chancellor

March 30, 2020

Dear Southern University at New Orleans Community,

We learned today that two of our staff members have tested positive for COVID-19, the coronavirus. The staff members are under doctor's care and are self-isolating per Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. Of course, our thoughts are with this valued SUNO family member for a speedy recovery.

While I know this is a time of uncertainty that can be extremely stressful, know that the University is working with respective state agencies and other proper channels to notify those students, faculty, and staff who may have been in contact with these individuals.

It is important to note that buildings continue to be deep cleaned and sanitized. However, the University underscores the CDC directives regarding those who have possibly been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19:

- Self-isolate and self-monitor for symptoms for up to 14 days.
- If symptoms are present at any time, self-isolate and contact a healthcare professional immediately.
- Let your healthcare professional know that there has been exposure to someone with COVID-19 so that you can be tested if warranted.

All individuals, regardless of contact with someone with COVID-19, should continue to follow CDC guidelines to decrease the chances of contracting and spreading the virus:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- When soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Cough into your elbow.
- Allow at least 6 feet of space between you and other people.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

University administration continues to support remote classes for students and remote work environments for its employees to align with social distancing directives from state and local agencies, such as the Office of the Governor and Office of the Mayor.

For more information on COVID-19, campus notices and more, go to [www.suno.edu](http://www.suno.edu). We will continue to operate in a spirit of facts, transparency, and of course, resiliency.

Sincerely,

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

James H. Ammons, Jr., Ph.D.  
Interim Chancellor

***"An Equal Educational Opportunity Institution"***