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Dear Delgado Community College Faculty, Staff, and Students:

On Sunday, Governor John Bel Edwards issued a statewide stay-at-home order that requires us all to shelter at home except to perform essential tasks beginning at 5 p.m. on Monday, March 23. Complying with the governor's order will help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 illness. We all have a role to play in limiting the spread of the virus and keeping our health care system from becoming overwhelmed.

Today, we resumed instruction by remote methods after a one-week planning period. Utmost thanks and gratitude to all of our faculty and staff who are working tirelessly to ensure that we continue to achieve our educational mission.

In accordance with the Governor's executive order, we are restricting access to all seven Delgado locations to a very limited number of essential personnel. This will last until at least April 13. Of course, we are committed to providing a clean and safe environment for our colleagues who must be onsite to perform essential work.

Please review the governor's [order](#) online and act accordingly. Also, please continue practicing appropriate hygiene such as washing your hands with soap and water at regular intervals, covering your coughs, limiting close contact with others and disinfecting common, shared objects. Reducing your exposure to other people is the only way to control the spread of this virus. Please continue to visit <http://www.dcc.edu/about/coronavirus.aspx>, watch your email, and follow Delgado's official social media channels in order to keep up with the latest information and resources.

I firmly reiterate Delgado's commitment to fighting COVID-19 and protecting the health of our community. Just this morning, our Allied Health Division and Charity School of Nursing donated essential medical supplies and equipment to several area hospitals. Our Fab Lab is making face shields for use by local medical personnel. My heartfelt thanks to the deans and everyone who are making this effort to assist our friends and neighbors.

The health and safety of our entire Delgado community remains our top priority, followed by ensuring the educational progress of our students. Working together, with creativity, kindness, and consideration, we will take care of our students and ourselves in this unprecedented situation.

Sincerely,

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