March 16, 2020

Dear Delgado Faculty and Staff:

Today, we have 136 confirmed cases and three deaths from the coronavirus disease in Louisiana. As you are aware, the college will be closed tomorrow, March 17 with only essential staff reporting. Because of the increased number of cases, it is important that we act proactively. Therefore, beginning Wednesday, March 18 college employees will transition to working from home as much as possible. Supervisors will meet with you to discuss the details specific to your situation. We understand that every division and department is different. This will remain in effect until April 13.

Also, in my communication to you last Friday I indicated that computer labs, libraries, and tutoring labs would reopen Monday, March 23. However, we must follow the directions of President Trump, Governor Edwards, and Mayor Cantrell to strictly limit the number of people in any single area. We will implement a limit of 10 people at a time in a class or lab. Making this work will take some planning on our side.

Please note that all clinicals are suspended until further notice.

Also, the governor has requested that we keep day care centers open and we will abide by his request as best we can.

As we all know, this unprecedented situation is constantly changing. Please pay close attention to announcements by public health and government officials. Take care, remain calm, and be safe.

Sincerely,

Larissa Littleton-Steib
Chancellor