



Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Good afternoon,

As you are aware, Chancellor Clark has created Operational and Academic Task Forces on this campus to deal with the possible impact of the Coronavirus COVID-19 on the LSUS community. These teams have been meeting internally, and more importantly, have been in regular contact with LSU leadership to discuss current and future procedures to deal with a potential outbreak in the state, and in our community.

We will continue to provide information on the LSU system's response to COVID-19, and clarification on how that information applies to us here at LSUS. LSU has set up [lsu.edu/coronavirus](https://lsu.edu/coronavirus) to provide up-to-date and accurate information for the system. Please note that there are certain aspects of these bulletins that may not apply to us, and LSUS is in the process of setting up its own informational page. However, please make note of the International Travel Restriction Bulletin, which applies to the entire LSU system (<https://www.lsu.edu/campaigns/broadcasts/2020-03-06-international-travel.php>).

Bill Wolfe will continue to lead the LSUS Operational Task Force, and I will send updates as we have them. If you have questions or concerns, you may send them to me, and while we may not have all of the answers at this time, please know that we are diligently working to formulate strategies to address potential issues that may arise. Provost Taylor will continue to lead the Academic Task Force, and she will disseminate information through the Deans.

I would like to strongly reiterate President Galligan's recent message: *At this moment, it's important that we all stay calm. What is needed now is solid planning and preparation based on the most up-to-date facts available.* The safety and well-being of our students, faculty, staff and community are of vital importance to the administration here at LSUS, and while we are doing all that we can to plan and prepare, we urge you to review the prevention tips provided by the CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>

Thank you.