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Students, Faculty and Staff
Daemen College

Dear Daemen Community Members:

As you know, there is a great fervor right now regarding the COVID-19 virus, commonly referred to as the corona virus. You have probably also seen several messages coming out about the College's conversations and preparation in case we are affected. In order to dispel myths and alleviate panic, please know that Daemen is using its existing emergency preparedness and response mechanisms (Emergency Response Team) to take proactive and preventive measures to help ensure the health of the campus community, including conducting table top exercises as part of its emergency response plan, sending communications to the community in preparation for spring break travel, monitoring study abroad trips, and more.

Daemen is following guidelines issued by the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization, as well as professional organizations within higher education. Daemen has plans outlined if there is a suspected or confirmed case and procedures for responding and communicating as needed. Additionally, Academic Affairs and the Faculty Senate leadership are assembling a small group to examine plans for continuing instruction in the unlikely event that classes have to be suspended temporarily.

To date, there are no known cases of coronavirus in the Daemen community. The College's highest priority remains the health, well-being, and safety of Daemen students, faculty, and staff, and future decisions will be made with this in mind. As this situation develops, Daemen will determine if Daemen study abroad programs will proceed as scheduled in the coming months.

For your convenience and to ensure accuracy in information about the coronavirus, all information and updates for the Daemen community, including updates from the CDC and WHO, are being housed on a special [website](#) we created being managed by our CHIP Center.

The important thing for everyone to remember is that precaution is key: wash your hands with soap regularly, avoiding touching eyes, ears, and mouth; stay home if sick; and report any concerns to our CHIP Center so we can respond appropriately. We should not panic as we are a leader in both health care education and emergency management and will continue to be cautious, while ensuring that we are continuing our operation.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson
President