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**Marywood University's Update Regarding Novel
Coronavirus Disease COVID-19**

Scranton, PA (March 11, 2020) —There are no reported or confirmed cases of COVID-19 at Marywood University or in Lackawanna County at this time. Please note that the situation can change quickly, and we will post any updates to our news link at marywood.edu/coronavirus. Because the health and safety of our campus community remains our highest priority, we must continue to prepare for this possibility. **Below are additional updates, effective immediately:**

Out of an abundance of concern for all members of the Marywood University family, we are cancelling face-to-face classes next week and anticipate resuming face-to-face classes on Monday, March 23.

This means that *no students should report to campus during the week of March 15-21, 2020.*

All other normal operations will continue, and faculty and staff are expected to report.

Preparing for the Future:

- ***During the week of March 15, faculty will be provided training specific to online course delivery methods.*** This will enable continuity of instruction if further delays of our students' return to campus become warranted.
- ***Campus-wide deep cleaning and safety and preventative maintenance training will take place during the week of March 15.*** Additional external cleaning service providers will be engaged to augment the cleaning process.
- ***Any student events, including athletic events, that were scheduled during the week of March 15-21, 2020, are now cancelled.***
- ***Admitted Student Day, originally scheduled for March 21, 2020, has been postponed;*** more details will follow about the rescheduling of this event, once available.
- ***Additional events beyond next week also may be cancelled or postponed as a precaution.***

- **All non-essential University-sponsored travel is cancelled.** We are cancelling all non-essential University-sponsored travel for faculty, staff, and students, including (but not limited to) professional development and other non-essential business activities.
- **Non-essential travel includes regional, statewide, national, and international travel.** We are basing this decision on current social distancing best practices to limit and prevent disease transmission. Through technology, we will seek opportunities to host certain events remotely.
- **Individualized notices also will be sent to various constituencies;** please monitor your email regularly.

Again, Marywood University and Lackawanna County do not have any reported or confirmed cases of the 2019 Novel Coronavirus at this time. While there are no confirmed cases of the coronavirus (COVID-19) in our immediate region, the health and safety of our campus community remains our top priority. We will continue to prepare for the possible appearance of COVID-19 in our area. We are monitoring the information from the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Please continue to refer to our website at marywood.edu/coronavirus, so that we can provide you the latest updates from our campus.

International Travel

All students, faculty, and staff are to register international travel using Marywood's International Itinerary Registry. [International Itinerary](#)

If you have traveled out of the country or plan to travel out of the country, it is essential that you provide to us the following information:

Name

MU ID (for students)

Home Address

Email

Phone number (cell number preferred)

Location and dates for travel (departure and return)

For health-related questions:

Contact Student Health Services at healthservice@maryu.marywood.edu | 570-348-6249 | www.marywood.edu/healthservices/index.html

Prevention

There's currently no vaccine to prevent COVID-19 infection. The best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Maintain a social distance of at least 3 feet; if you are in the presence of a sick person, maintain a distance of 6 feet.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Sister Mary Persico, IHM, Ed.D., President of Marywood University