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Dear Campus Community,

As we continue to learn more about Coronavirus and its impact in South Carolina, rest assured that the health and safety of faculty, staff and students are always the university's top priority. USC Upstate senior leaders continue to follow guidance provided by the [Centers for Disease Control](#) (CDC) and the [South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control](#) (SCDHEC).

Currently, there are no confirmed cases of Coronavirus associated with USC Upstate, and **classes are scheduled to resume on Monday, March 16**. If this changes, we will contact you immediately through official university communication channels.

We have assembled comprehensive resource pages for students, faculty and staff on the university's website. Please visit our [Health Services](#) webpages for information about prevention and preparedness, travel restrictions and recommendations, and confirmed cases in South Carolina. These pages also include copies of communication to campus about the virus and the university's response.

University leaders are following [national guidelines](#) to understand any precautions that need to be implemented to help keep our physical campus healthy and safe. Our Facilities teams have proactively adopted recommendations regarding cleaning, sanitizing and other means of pre-empting potential spread of the virus. Adopted practices include more frequent disinfection of high-touch surfaces e.g., door handles, faucets and railings.

Should we be notified of a confirmed case that impacts our campus community, we will make appropriate determinations about whether to shift to online classes and/or postpone events. In the meantime, please continue to follow these preventive measures:

- If you or your family members are sick, please stay home. Our university leaders are prepared to work with employees who may need to work remotely. The same is true for faculty, who will work to accommodate students who may need to complete class assignments online. Please visit our website for any questions about how [to access online technologies](#).
- If you are returning from travels to locations that have been impacted by specific travel or health alerts, please notify USC Upstate Health Services. If it is recommended that you [self-quarantine](#), please be prepared to do so. If you experience symptoms and/or risk factors

stated above, contact USC Upstate Health Services at (864) 503-5191. Health Services is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. [After hours](#) medical care is available in the community, and after-hours phone calls to Health Services are transferred to Spartanburg Regional Hospital.

We will continue to keep you apprised of new information as we learn it.

Thank you for all you do.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Derham Cole, Jr.", with a stylized, cursive script.

J. Derham Cole, Jr.
Interim Chancellor

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