Dear CSE Community:

With spring break coming to an end, I wanted to reach out to the CSE community and provide you with an update on the College’s response to potential impact from the rapidly changing situation related to 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV or COVID-19).

As always, the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff and entire community is our top priority. We have been closely monitoring the situation since January and have developed a COVID-19 section on our website to share important information as it becomes available.

I encourage you to check the CSE website and monitor your CSE email to remain current on the latest information as it relates to the College. Additionally, you should continually monitor ongoing guidance from the U.S. Department of State and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

As of March 7, New Jersey has announced four confirmed cases of COVID-19, illustrating the rapidly evolving conditions around this virus. CSE continues to work with our industry and government partners on the federal, state and local levels to stay current with the latest best practices and recommendations. In accordance with the New Jersey Department of Health guidance, College leaders have been engaged in extensive contingency planning efforts throughout the last several weeks to ensure business and educational continuity.

Our leadership team has:
- Reviewed and updated our outbreak response/pandemic plan
- Prepared to offer distance learning to students who may be impacted by quarantine and/or travel restrictions
- Strengthened our long-held relationships with local public health officials
- Reviewed our emergency communication plan (If you have not signed up for emergency notifications, you can do so here.)

If you traveled over spring break, please keep in mind that CSE requires a 14-day off-campus quarantine and self-monitoring of symptoms for those returning from an area where a CDC Level 3 travel alert has been issued.

Please also be mindful of the following best practices to help impede the spread of respiratory viruses, as recommended by the CDC:

- Get your flu shot.
- Wash your hands often. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid close contact with those who are sick.
- Likewise, if you are sick, limit your contact with others to avoid spreading illness. This means staying out of work, class, and avoiding public places. Stay home until you are fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication.
• Cover your coughs. Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or crook of your arm when you cough or sneeze (not your hands). Toss the tissue in the trash, and wash your hands or use hand sanitizer immediately after.
• Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Germs spread this way.
• Practice other good health habits such as cleaning and disinfecting surfaces, drinking plenty of fluids, getting enough rest and sleep, and eating nutritious foods.

Again, we will continue to update you through the CSE website and via email when necessary. Should you have any questions, please send them to csepresident@cse.edu and we will see that they are answered.

Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation as we work together to ensure the health and safety of our community.

Sincerely,

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President