An Update for Faculty and Staff

Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Dear Faculty and Staff,

Gov. Andrew Cuomo said yesterday that he is urgently asking all New Yorkers to stay at home, even if they feel well, to limit the spread of the virus and its strain on the health care system. He has already closed restaurants, bars, gyms and movie theaters, and has indicated that he may issue even more restrictive measures at any time in the near future.

Due to the extraordinary public health crisis, I am announcing that all employees who have been authorized by their supervisor to work remotely should do so, starting Thursday morning and continuing indefinitely. Please make sure to take what you need before you leave campus today, under the assumption that you may not be returning for several weeks or longer.

Supervisors must be focused on ensuring that their department can continue to meet the basic needs of the College, but with the absolute minimum number of essential staff working on campus. And if they have not done so already, supervisors must have a plan to communicate regularly with their staff no matter where they are.

Please continue to practice social distancing and follow these precautionary measures as recommended by health authorities. We must continue to do everything possible to minimize the spread of this virus, and keep everyone in our community healthy and safe.

Jonathan Gibralter
President