Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update

March 12, 2020

LC State employees and students:

Lewis-Clark State College continues to closely monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, and is committed to providing regular updates to the campus community. While no cases are currently reported in the State of Idaho, LC State is working proactively to prevent the spread of the illness, communicate the latest information in this rapidly changing environment, and be prepared for whatever challenges might arise. The website www.lcsc.edu/coronavirus currently lists frequently asked questions and will be updated as the situation evolves.

Public Events
Utilizing guidance from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare and resources from the CDC and local health district, LC State is reviewing all large public events on a case-by-case basis. On Thursday, March 12, administrators announced the cancellation of Native American Awareness Week (March 17-20) as well as the suspending of spring athletic events occurring March 14-29, 2020, in accordance with the decision of the Cascade Collegiate Conference.

Test of Distance-Learning
As previously communicated, LC State will also be testing its distance learning options on Monday and Tuesday, March 16-17. This proactive step of delivering all in-person classes remotely (e.g., online, via email, or in some other way) on these two days will help the college better evaluate and prepare for limitations and challenges. The test has been an ongoing part of LC State preparedness planning considerations. Similar tests are being conducted at all of Idaho’s public colleges and universities.

College Sponsored/Related Travel
All college sponsored/related international travel is suspended indefinitely. Domestic college sponsored/related travel is also being reviewed and some trips may be cancelled. Travelers will be notified if the approval for their travel is rescinded.

Personal Travel
Cases of coronavirus have been reported in many states and some areas are experiencing community spread of the illness. While LC State has not set requirements for personal travel, we strongly urge you to forgo travel to areas with active community transmission or high-risk areas as designated by the CDC. If you choose to travel to a country or a domestic area with widespread, sustained transmission, or sustained community spread as designated by the CDC, we encourage you to self-quarantine for 14 days from the time you left these areas. If you are planning to travel, you are strongly encouraged to check the following sites for up-to-date travel advice and information before departing:

- Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention’s COVID-19 travel page
- State Department travel advisories
- World Health Organization

By working together proactively to implement and follow recommended precautions, LC State faculty, staff and students can make a difference in preventing and slowing the spread of the virus not only on campus but in our communities. For questions or more information contact studentaffairs@lcsc.edu.