March 13, 2020

LC State employees and students:

The State of Idaho reported its first confirmed case of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) today, March 13 (press release available here). According to reports, this case does not increase the current risk level in Idaho, nevertheless, Lewis-Clark State College continues to monitor the situation closely and is committed to providing regular updates to the campus community. Information and resources specific to the college can be found at www.lcsc.edu/coronavirus.

College Sponsored/Related Travel
All non-essential college sponsored/related travel has been suspended indefinitely. The President and Vice Presidents will make the determination of what is essential for their respective units.

Personal Travel
LC State continues to encourage extreme caution when it comes to personal travel, including domestically. 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

The Look Ahead
As previously announced, Lewis-Clark State College will hold a test of its distance learning options on Monday and Tuesday, March 16-17. Unless new information becomes available, the plan will be to return to normal delivery options on Wednesday, March 18, and continue through March 27. On March 30, which is the first day of Spring Break, LC State will officially transition to distance learning options for the remainder of the spring semester. Students who leave for Spring Break will be encouraged not to return to campus and to complete the semester remotely. Housing and food services for students who remain on campus will continue. Additionally, clean spaces, which will adhere to a strenuous cleaning and safety protocol, will be established on campus to accommodate students and coursework as deemed necessary.

LC State is committed to the health and safety of its faculty, staff and students and values your support as we work together proactively to help prevent the spreading of this virus. Our incident response team meets daily, is in contact with our sister institutions each morning, and briefs institution leadership multiple times throughout the day. Because the situation continues to evolve, we may take additional measures as necessary, and will of course, keep the campus community fully informed.

It is our hope that these measures, many of which are being taken in concert with our sister institutions, will help deter virus contagion, and enable health care professionals to keep pace and gain the upper hand.

For questions or more information contact studentaffairs@lcsc.edu, and please do familiarize yourself with the FAQ information posted at: www.lcsc.edu/coronavirus.