



# SOUTHSIDE VIRGINIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Dear College Community,

I know that many of you are understandably concerned about Coronavirus (COVID-19). In an effort to keep our campus community informed, we plan to communicate with you frequently until Coronavirus is no longer of public concern. Everyone can help prevent the spread of infectious diseases, and the [Virginia Department of Health](#) (VDH) recommends the following:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Avoid contact with sick people.

As the health and safety of our campus community is our highest priority, the College is actively assessing the situation status for our local area, the commonwealth, and the nation. We are taking additional cleaning steps as deemed necessary. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continues to say that the risk for coronavirus in the U.S. is low, and we are monitoring updates daily from the CDC and VDH. More information is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/2019-ncov-factsheet.pdf>

For information regarding up-to-date VDH surveillance please visit the following link: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/surveillance-and-investigation/novel-coronavirus/>

For further information regarding how to prepare your households for the potential of Coronavirus, please visit the following link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/home/get-your-household-ready-for-COVID-19.html>

Please take care of yourselves, each other, and help protect the health of our College Community.

Sincerely,

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