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Dear Southern University Community:

We have learned that there are two positive cases of COVID-19 (coronavirus) that affect our University community — one an instructor and one a staff member. Both are under their respective physicians' care and are self-isolating per Centers for Disease Control guidelines. We send best wishes for a speedy recovery for both of these valued members of our Jaguar Nation.

While I know this is a time of uncertainty that can be extremely stressful, know that the University is working with respective state agencies and other proper channels to notify those students, faculty and staff who may have been in contact with this individual.

It is important to note that all in-person classes were canceled beginning March 16 and students began to transition from campus. Buildings have also been deep cleaned and sanitized consistently. However, the University underscores the CDC directives regarding those who have possibly been in contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19:

- Self-monitor for symptoms for up to 14 days.
- If symptoms are present at any time, self-isolate and contact a healthcare professional immediately.
- Let your healthcare professional know that there has been exposure to someone with COVID-19 so that you can be tested if warranted.

All individuals, regardless of contact with someone with COVID-19, should continue to follow CDC guidelines to decrease the chances of contracting and spreading the virus:

- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- When soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Cough into your elbow.
- Allow at least 6 feet of space between you and other people.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Our University administration continues to support electronic learning platforms for students, along with remote work environments for employees which align with the social distancing mandates of both local and state agencies.

For more information on COVID-19, campus notices and more, go to sus.edu/coronavirus. We will continue to operate in a spirit of facts, transparency, and of course, resiliency.

#WeAreSouthern

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ray L. Belton".

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