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Subject: Coronavirus and Pacifica's Response

Good Morning Pacifica Students and Employees,

The safety and health of our students, faculty, and staff are the top concern for Pacifica's Safety Team. We want to send an informational email to address the Coronavirus that has gained worldwide media attention over the past couple of weeks.

**The Coronavirus:** Coronaviruses are fairly common viruses in humans. The virus that has emerged in China, 2019-nCoV, is a new one; doctors and researchers are working hard to better understand its contagiousness and severity. Generally speaking, outside of China, the spread of the disease has been limited, NO Pacifica students or employees have been diagnosed with the virus. To date there are only 11 confirmed cases in the United States (Arizona, California, Illinois, Massachusetts and Washington). 10 of the eleven cases resulted from contact in China directly, and only one case in the United States has resulted from person to person contact (between spouses).

**No cases at Pacifica:** There are no cases of any Pacifica student, employee, or affiliate having the 2019-nCoV. Additionally, Pacifica's Administration has been in contact with the organizers of previous Chinese visitors to our campus, none of which have reportedly contracted the 2019-nCoV Coronavirus to date.

**Prevention methods:** Prevention methods are similar to those of colds and Flu viruses:

- o Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- o Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- o Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- o Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- o Stay home when you are sick.
- o Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- o Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

**Information:** For the most reliable up to date information visit the Center for Disease Controls website by clicking [HERE](#).

**Travel:** The US government has issued a level 4: "Do Not Travel (to China)" advisory. For more information click [HERE](#).

Pacifica's Safety Team will continue to monitor the spread of the 2019-nCoV virus. We will notify students and employees if any significant update affecting Pacifica occurs.

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