

MARIA

COLLEGE

Dear Maria Community,

Though the college is on spring break this week, we want you to be aware that Maria has organized a very active response to any threats posed by the Coronavirus. I want you to know that first and foremost on our minds is the safety and health of our students, faculty, staff, and families.

As this is a rapidly evolving situation, please continue to monitor your Maria College email account and our Coronavirus website for the latest information. Should any decisions be made that would affect courses or classes across the institution, it will be communicated through these channels.

The website is: www.mariacollege.edu/coronavirus

Last week I convened an internal task force to coordinate the college's response. This team is led by Associate Vice President Andrew Ledoux and is meeting daily to go over the latest updates, communications, and planning. They are in touch regularly with the State Department of Health, peer institutions, and other community partners. Their direction and communication can be found on our website, along with specific instructions and guidance for different audiences on campus. **It is important to note that at this time there have been no confirmed cases of anyone with Coronavirus on our campus.** Steps are being taken by the committee to ensure we are responding properly. In support of the Maria Committee that meets daily, we are also making use of the full range of medical professionals on our faculty and in our community; we are in regular contact with the Department of Health and New York's College and University Association to stay abreast of the latest developments in the course of the virus.

- Communications are being issued to our partners in the community, including clinical and fieldwork sites, to inform them of steps we are taking and to keep a line of communication open between our organizations. In addition, our Clinical Placement Directors are in continual communication with staff at our clinical and fieldwork agencies and are well situated to keep us informed of ongoing developments. Should any confirmed cases be noted at these sites we will take steps to keep our students and staff safe.
- The college is examining cleaning and disinfecting protocols on campus at this time.
- Messages through blackboard and the RAVE system are being sent to inform students to check their email and the website for the latest Coronavirus information.
- If you are exposed to Coronavirus; if you've been asked by a medical professional to self-quarantine because of a potential exposure; or if you've been tested and diagnosed with Coronavirus, please follow these

reporting instructions:

- Students: Contact Andrew Ledoux at DLedoux@mariacollege.edu
- Faculty / Staff: Contact your immediate supervisor and Andrew Ledoux

I want to emphasize that if you are not feeling well to please contact the appropriate person at Maria and please stay home. **As a community we are in this together to avoid the spread of a disease.** Thank you for taking good precautions to keep yourself and our community healthy!

We will continue to update the Maria community as we learn more.

Be well,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas Gamble". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Thomas Gamble, Ph.D.
President