

## SCS TODAY: March 20, 2020

[A late-day, daily update from the SCS Dean's Office]

### NEWS OF THE DAY

— Today it was confirmed that a member of the CMU Pittsburgh campus community has been diagnosed with the COVID-19 virus. We continue to take precautions and take this situation extremely seriously. Please comply with all instructions and advisories you receive to help in our campus-wide efforts to reduce impacts of the coronavirus on our campus. This takes extra effort from all of us, and I truly appreciate your cooperation.

— We escalated the move of research operations to remote locations, based on the Pennsylvania Governor's order late yesterday. This work continues as I write.

— We have academic continuity liaisons for each SCS department; we'll soon be sharing the research liaisons for each SCS department on the SCS Alerts page.

— We are also working to assure our teaching infrastructure remains in top working order.

### QUESTIONS FROM AROUND SCS

— Should staff be working? Yes. Remotely. CMU remains open and fully operational, but operating remotely until further notice.

— Can I go to campus if I want to? By now, you should be working remotely, and that will remain how we operate until further notice.

### OF NOTE

— Although we're working remotely, safe working conditions are essential and must be assured for all employees. If you've relocated equipment to a remote location, it must operate as safely in its new location as it has operated on campus. Along the same lines, I want to emphasize that student workers should never feel pressured to work in an environment they may feel is unsafe.

### TO KNOW

— National Institutes of Health (NIH) is making available administrative supplements to help research programs weather current work stoppages. All PIs should find alternative research-related, remote tasks for all of your research staff, such as professional development, writing, data analysis, and online journal groups. <https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/notice-files/NOT-DA-20-047.html>

### REMEMBER YOUR RESOURCES

For Students: <https://www.cmu.edu/alert/coronavirus/resources/student-resources.html>

For Staff: <https://www.cmu.edu/alert/coronavirus/resources/staff-resources.html>

For Faculty: <https://www.cmu.edu/alert/coronavirus/resources/faculty-resources.html>

For Researchers: <https://www.cmu.edu/alert/coronavirus/resources/researcher-resources.html>

SCS Alerts: <https://scsdean.cs.cmu.edu/alerts>

CMU Coronavirus [Updates and Information](#) and [FAQ](#)

CMU [Health Services](#) (412-268-2157)

Remote Education for Instructors: [SCS FAQ](#) and [Eberly Center FAQ](#)

Resources for Kids: <https://scsdean.cs.cmu.edu/alerts/kids.html>

SCS Faculty Hiring: [Updates and Guidelines](#)

Until tomorrow (we may have Saturday news to share),

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