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To the Stevens Community:

Over the past several weeks, campus leaders have been monitoring updates on the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in order to issue updates and guidance to our community. As you may have seen, the [Stevens COVID-19 Advisories](#) webpage has been posted and will be augmented with a dedicated website to be launched later this week. This website will provide one comprehensive information source for all Stevens updates and guidance pertaining to campus activities and precautions, travel restrictions, FAQs, and other impacts of COVID-19 for Stevens.

I want to assure the campus community that we are taking this situation very seriously, and the health and safety of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors are our highest priorities. Stevens is adhering to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the New Jersey Department of Health, while simultaneously doing contingency planning should an outbreak occur in our area. These contingencies include consideration of the possible cancellation or postponement of upcoming community events and gatherings; restrictions on study-abroad activities and international travel for Stevens business; remote work arrangements; and online course delivery; among others.

The Stevens Emergency Management Team is convening to review emergency plans and will be updating those plans as warranted. Likewise, our Business Continuity Planning Committee is accelerating its activities for a possible COVID-19 scenario.

Stevens is also in contact with local, New Jersey, and federal officials to advise them of our preparations and has also received information that the Hoboken University Medical Center is prepared should there be a local case of COVID-19. Earlier today, Governor Murphy issued a [statement](#) regarding New Jersey's preparations and precautions and announced the launch of a [webpage](#) with resources regarding COVID-19.

As a reminder, StevensAlerts is the university's official emergency alert communication system. It is used only to convey accurate, critical, and often urgent information necessary to protect the safety of our community. If you have not already done so, please enroll in the StevensAlerts System (Everbridge) by adding your current mobile phone number and alternate (non-Stevens) email address. Please go to *myStevens* and click on the StevensAlerts icon under Bookmarks to enroll.

As of this writing, there have been no reported cases of COVID-19 in New Jersey, and no member of our campus community has presented with symptoms. I ask that each member of our community take proactive steps to prevent an outbreak by practicing good hygiene as has

been [advised by the CDC](#). It is imperative to stay home if you are sick with a respiratory illness and/or a fever. Please go home immediately if you are on campus and begin to feel ill.

I would also like to reaffirm Stevens' commitment to ensuring a welcoming, respectful, and non-discriminatory environment for all members of our community. The display of bias in any form is not acceptable and will not be tolerated in the Stevens community.

We will continue to monitor updates on COVID-19 and will make future decisions based on the guidelines of the CDC and other health agencies.

Per aspera ad astra,



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President

