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### NEWS RELEASE

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Dear Rust College Family:

The College continues to closely monitor the spread of the Coronavirus, as additional cases are confirmed in the United States and other countries. Please be assured that the College is in communication with the Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and other academic institutions in the area and region.

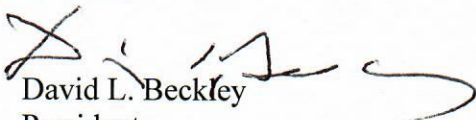
At this time, there are **NO CONFIRMED CASES** on the Rust College campus or in the Holly Springs community. The College is taking steps to prepare for any potential impacts on campus operations. The College will maintain normal operations for the duration of the Spring Semester, unless there is significant disruption triggered by the spread of the outbreak in the Holly Springs area. If a decision is made to suspend face-to-face instructions and/or close administrative offices, the College will provide recommendations and options to faculty for implementation of online instruction. We are aware that this may not be a feasible option for certain laboratory-based, clinical and other classes; however, faculty in these areas will deal with this matter.

Essential personnel will continue to be maintained on campus at reduced levels if it becomes necessary to close. As noted previously, the College will continue to operate under normal circumstances as we continually assess circumstances and consider updates from the County Health Department and CDC. Employees and students who may be immunocompromised should contact their health care provider, their parents, and the campus nurse to discuss proactive plans to protect their health.

All College non-essential domestic and international travel for students, faculty and staff has been temporarily suspended.

We understand that these travel restrictions and the uncertainty surrounding the spread of the Coronavirus may be disruptive and very concerning to the members of our community. We encourage everyone to remain calm, follow advisement regarding prevention methods, and remain informed regarding changes in health and travel advisement. We will keep you informed and continue to offer the support and resources needed as circumstances change.

Sincerely,



David L. Beckley  
President



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