



Office of the President

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

March 18, 2020

Dear colleagues,

We have been closely monitoring the global outbreak of COVID-19, and I want you to know that your safety and that of the NAU community is our highest priority. I want to personally thank you for your dedication and service to NAU and our students during this challenging time.

While there are still no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at NAU, in Flagstaff, or in Coconino County, we have taken a number of steps to protect the NAU community and are continuing to work with appropriate state and federal agencies to monitor the situation and implement best practices.

Based on recent developments and after consulting with a number of experts, as we previously announced, beginning Monday, March 23, classes will be moved to online instruction for the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester. However, NAU's campus in Flagstaff remains open and operational and NAU employees will continue to perform their job duties.

Effective immediately, NAU is implementing new work-from-home and alternative work schedules to ensure effective social distancing practices for our campus community. We are following the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommendations in response to the public health concerns related to COVID-19. [Guidelines for supervisors and employees](#) in addition to information and [Frequently Asked Questions](#) can be found on the Human Resources website.

The Lumberjack family could not function without your hard work during this difficult time. Once again, I want to thank you for your service and dedication to our students and to our mission. Serving our students' educational needs and keeping our students, faculty, and staff safe remain our top priorities. We will continue to communicate developments in the weeks ahead as we navigate this dynamic situation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rita".

Rita Hartung Cheng
President