

DLSU response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus Situation

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Dear members of the Lasallian community,

May this day be filled with God's grace for you and your family, and I hope this letter finds you well.

On February 2, the Philippines confirmed the first case of death from the Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV). To date, the Department of Health is monitoring more than 130 Patients Under Investigation (PUIs) in the country.

Throughout the global community, we find concerted efforts from various sectors to help in combating the spread of the virus. De La Salle University, for its part, has undertaken parallel, precautionary measures that include intensified monitoring, strengthened preparedness, and rapid response plans.

Currently, all those who enter our campus have their temperature taken. Disinfecting solutions and masks have been bought, distributed and continuously being monitored so that supply will not run out.

Our classrooms, laboratories, and other common areas are disinfected multiple times a day to prevent the spread of the virus.

We have also implemented guidelines for students, faculty, and staff who have travelled to countries affected by the crisis.

In the event of cancellation of classes, the University has prepared arrangements such as online classes through AnimoSpace.

To update our community members on the current situation and to share tips on how to keep safe and healthy at all times, we regularly prepare bulletins that we share via our website

(https://www.dlsu.edu.ph/coronavirus-surveillance-bulletin), DLSU email, and social media channels.

We encourage everyone to be free from undue anxiety and fear. Through information and vigilance, our Lasallian community will effectively and efficiently manage the current situation and provide support to our students in their academic and other curricular requirements. We seek your commitment, cooperation and co-responsibility in preventing the spread of the virus.

For the Manila, Makati, and BGC Campuses, please feel free to contact the dedicated hotline: 8524-4611 local 665 and mobile number: (0917)587-3361 or email: clinic@dlsu.edu.ph for your inquiries and other concerns.

For the Laguna Campus, you may contact the Health Services Office via the dedicated hotline: (049) 554 8900 locals 113,149 and 153; mobile numbers: MRR (0915) 715-5486 and LC1 (0927) 857-8846; or email: stc.clinic@dlsu.edu.ph.

In faith, service, and communion, we will be able to surpass this challenging time. Thank you for your support.

Yours in St. La Salle,

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