Dear Campus Community

Today Gov. Polis and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment released an updated public health order 20-24 in accordance with yesterday’s executive order implementing a statewide stay-at-home order.

The order exempts “critical business” to include private and public colleges and universities, for the purpose of facilitating distance learning or performing essential functions, provided that Social Distancing Requirements are observed.

This new clarification results in replacing CMU’s preliminary interpretation of the order provided on March 25 with the following, effective immediately:

- CMU employees should work with their direct supervisor to determine their status (essential/non-essential).
- “Essential” staff with operational and support roles conducive to telecommuting should continue working remotely.
- Staff deemed “essential” should work with their direct supervisor to determine what if any ongoing physical presence on campus is appropriate.
- All CMU staff, faculty and students should review Mesa County Public Health social distancing and health practices relative to COVID-19 before returning to work. All on-campus work must conform with these practices.
- In-person meetings between essential staff should be avoided, and remote meeting platforms (i.e. Zoom, Microsoft Teams, etc.) should be used.
- All CMU staff should review the Governor’s order and familiarize yourself with its intent that extends beyond your role at CMU.
- Online courses will resume as scheduled on Monday, March 30.

If further modifications to the order occur, additional information will be communicated to the campus community via email and posted on the CMU COVID-19 information webpage.

Faculty and staff should remain in daily communication with supervisors and department heads to address additional questions. Thank you to everyone for your commitment to CMU and flexibility as we all adapt to these quickly changing conditions.

Best,

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