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Dear Campus Community

Earlier this evening during a statewide media conference Governor Polis ordered Coloradans to stay at home. I encourage you [listen to the Governor's own words](#). His remarks reinforced the gravity of Colorado's emerging challenges with the COVID-19 pandemic. His "stay at home" order begins tomorrow at 6:00am through Saturday, April 11, 2020. The following is a preliminary interpretation of the order pending additional review by the university once more details are shared by the state. Additional information will be communicated to the campus community via email and will be posted on the [CMU COVID-19 information webpage](#) as we learn more details.

Effective immediately:

- CMU employees not exempted from the order must stay home and telecommute.
- CMU employees not exempted from the order who need to work from campus on an ongoing basis, or return to campus for a prolonged period, must acquire written approval from a supervisor or appropriate vice president.
- Due to the large number of CMU employees, faculty and staff should assume you are NOT exempt from the order. Those "essential personnel" who are exempt will be notified by the COVID-19 Task Force in conjunction with the appropriate vice president.
- All CMU staff are encouraged to review the Governor's order once it's published and familiarize yourself with its intent that extends beyond your role at CMU.
- Online courses will resume as scheduled; those courses that require in-person contact or hands-on proximity will further be modified with details to follow.
- Campus personnel needing to retrieve personal items from offices should do so as soon as practicable.

A comprehensive analysis of the order will result in additional guidance from the CMU COVID-19 Task Force.

The following previously issued instructions are modified as follows:

Administrative and academic buildings

All CMU administrative and academic buildings are closed for the duration of the "stay at home" order. The University Center will be open on a limited basis only to facilitate dining services.

Campus Dining Services

CMU and Sodexo are committed to providing reliable food service for students who live on campus. The Caf will maintain the existing Grab 'N Go concept.

Residence Halls

Residence halls will remain open only to students who need to remain on campus. On-campus students should review and abide by the Governor's order. Questions can be directed to 970.248.1536 or reslife@coloradomesa.edu.

Little Mavericks Learning Center

LMLC will remain open to accommodate the children of essential workers, first responders and exempted CMU essential personnel.

Employees should remain in daily communication with supervisors and department heads to address additional questions and to learn about additional implications of the order. Thank you for your careful attention to this matter and we will be in touch as soon as we know more.

Best,

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