



Dear PHSU Community:

Due to amendments and clarification to the executive order published yesterday Sunday, March 15th 2020 by the Government of Puerto Rico; we write to inform you of changes made to the original correspondence sent by the Chancellor Office. In order to maintain a healthy and safe environment for our entire PHSU community, and to comply with the executive order sent by the Governor of Puerto Rico, our campuses in Puerto Rico will only be performing essential services and activities which fall within the purview of the executive order. To be clear, all academic activities will be done remotely. This means that students, faculty, and administrative staff should not report to campus and will work from home if authorized by the immediate Supervisor until further notice. Specific instructions regarding delivery of administrative services will follow in a separate communication.

For clinical rotations and other clinical exercises, students should consult their corresponding deans for instructions. The Wellness Center, Reference Laboratory, and CAIMED will stay open along with essential service units that support patient healthcare delivery until further notice. Please be reminded that our policy for restrictive travel is in effect and all employees, staff and students must adhere to the policy.

Please note that for the maximum benefit to the employees who are affected by this temporary closing, they may elect to have their balances of accrued vacation and sick leave applied to these absences. The employee must authorize HR for this election. This request must be done through electronic email at aramos@psm.edu.

Please keep safe.

If you have any questions, please refer to your immediate supervisor for more information. We will closely monitor the situation and keep you informed as news and updates become available.

Cordially,


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Chancellor