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Dear GCC Community,

As the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to dominate the news cycle, I assure you that in the event the GCC campuses were affected, we have plans in place to address potential threats and that can be modified as necessary. In our planning work, we are consulting closely with officials from the City of Glendale, Glendale Unified School District, the area hospitals, the Los Angeles County Office of Public Health, and the Center for Disease Control.

Although public health officials say the threat posed by COVID-19 is low, we understand that the uncertainty of the situation causes anxiety. I encourage you to visit our [webpage](http://www.glendale.edu/healthupdate) (www.glendale.edu/healthupdate) which provides information on COVID-19. We have updated the site several times since its creation on January 30 and will continue to do so as necessary.

GCC has no reported cases of COVID-19 or exposure to the virus, but if the college were to experience exposure there are many levels of response that we are prepared to take. One extreme measure could be a campus, or all college, closure. If that were to happen, we intend to disrupt student learning as little as possible and continue to provide instruction in a virtual environment by using Canvas.

Please remember how important it is for all of us to use a measured approach during this time of uncertainty. Sharing vetted information and best practices is helpful, repeating rumors and making generalized statements is not.

Thank you for your concern and professionalism. And remember, wash your hands for at least 20 seconds. It may be the most impactful thing you can do to prevent the spread of illness.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Viar'.

David Viar
Superintendent/President