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To:

Faculty of Compass Rose Foundation

From:

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President & CEO

Re:

COVID-19 (Coronavirus)

Unless you've recently been in a coma, I'm sure you've heard of the Coronavirus, its origins and how it has now spread to over 65 countries. In addition, you've probably heard that there are confirmed cases here in the State of Florida. Furthermore, you might be aware that Governor DeSantis has issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency. Lastly, the Center for Disease Control has issued guidance for Institutions of Higher Learning.

We are requesting you to read the following announcement to ALL of your classes. Should the same student be read this announcement multiple times in multiple classes, then we can simply celebrate the beauty of repetitive learning.

ANNOUNCEMENT

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) virus, and we are learning more about it every day. There is currently no vaccine to protect against COVID-19. At this point, the best way to prevent infection is to avoid being exposed to the virus that causes it. Stopping transmission (spread) of the virus through everyday practices is the best way to keep people healthy. Learn more about <u>COVID-19</u>.

Sunstate Academy and Jones Technical Institute, working together with local health departments, have an important role in slowing the spread of disease. Our schools' efforts will help ensure students, staff, and faculty have safe and healthy environments in which to learn and work. Our campus' welcome students, staff, faculty, and visitors from throughout the community. All of these people may have close contact in campus settings, often sharing spaces, equipment, and supplies.

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Sunstate Academy and Jones Technical Institute can take steps now to help stop or slow the spread of respiratory infectious diseases, including COVID-19, by:

- Emphasizing preventive actions for students and staff. Emphasize actions individuals can take including, staying home when sick, appropriately covering coughs and sneezes, cleaning frequently touched surfaces, and washing hands often. Obviously, because of the nature of COVID-19, anyone who has been diagnosed with the virus will possess <u>ample</u> documentation to support their absenteeism from school or work. We will expect said documentation upon your return to school or work.
- Institutional information systems should be used for day-to-day reporting on information such as absenteeism or changes in student health center traffic to detect and respond to an outbreak.
- Ensure handwashing strategies include washing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or using a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available.

In the coming days, each of our institutions will be receiving additional disinfecting supplies including, but not limited to, hand sanitizer, personal hygiene signage & posters, surface disinfectant and recommended application practices.

As a student and/or employee, we will be expecting you to participate regularly with the consistent disinfectant of horizontal surfaces, public eating-areas, high traffic areas and frequently touched areas such as doorknobs, light switches, training aids, etc. As part of our regimented lesson plans, we will close each educational/training evolution with the disinfecting of our classrooms and their contents.

In closing, and once again, we are expecting the participation of our entire campus communities to participate in mitigating the effects of the coronavirus.

Pc: Administration of Compass Rose Foundation