Hello Again International Wildcats,

Like you and your families back home, we are keeping close watch on the unfolding Corona Virus situation. Please know that your health and well-being is our top priority and that we will continue to communicate with you as we receive information and directives from University and public health authorities.

As indicated in the President’s message this morning, University officials have been planning and taking proactive and precautionary steps not only to maintain the health and safety of our campus community, but to develop a way to transition instruction to virtual formats, if needed. Should instruction shift to an online format, please know that all Chico State staff members will continue to be available and on-campus. All student services offices will remain open and continue to provide assistance to students. We are here for you and we will continue to be!

Below are some important points to consider as you prepare for spring break:

1. Check your student email daily to stay current on this situation.
2. There are currently no confirmed cases of the Corona Virus in Butte County or at the University.
3. The University has created a COVID-19 News & Information webpage that provides current news about University operations and has committed to sending daily announcements to the campus community throughout this situation. The website also has links to the Butte County Public Health Department and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
4. Travel.State.Gov, by the U.S. Department of State, has travel advisory information of which you should be aware.
5. The California State University is advising against students returning home during spring break. The reason is, upon return, depending upon which country you are from, you may not be allowed to return to the U.S., or you may be required to quarantine and be monitored by public health officials for 14 days. If the University returns to an in-person class format and you cannot attend classes for 14 days, your academic progress will be negatively affected.
6. If you live in a University-owned residence hall, you can remain in your room if class instruction changes to an online format.
7. In the event that a student in a University residence hall needs to be isolated/quarantined, Chico State has prepared space in a specific dormitory where students can be appropriately supported and isolated from the general student body while they recover.
8. In the unlikely event that campus closes, your International Student Advisors will continue to communicate with you and will be available to you using a virtual format like Zoom.
9. For students who have home government scholarships, CSU, Chico is in communication with your scholarship office about impacts to campus and the possibility of transitioning to virtual classes.
10. Lastly, the US federal government is temporarily allowing flexibility on the requirement to be in face-to-face classes. If the campus transitions to virtual instruction, it will not negatively impact your immigration status.

We recommend that you continue to monitor the situation by frequently visiting the resource websites noted above. This is a fluid situation and information may change a few times each day.

In the meantime, keep practicing good hygiene by washing your hands with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds; cover your mouth while coughing or sneezing (into the crook of your elbow rather than on
your hands is best); avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands; and avoid sharing food, cups, or utensils.

We care about you! Stay healthy, happy, and safe.