

Dear Colleagues,

As we begin Spring Break and working remotely, I want to thank employees across the college for their hard work and concern for our students and for one another. I am fully confident that together we will continue making the right decisions in support of our employees, students, and the mission of our college. During your time away from CCM please continue to take care your health, make wise decisions, and contact your immediate supervisor should you need any support.

Please be advised that we are seeing a significant increase in malicious cyber scams. According to a recent alert by the United States Secret Service, “Phishing scams have become ubiquitous through email communication and ecommerce. Cyber criminals are exploiting the Coronavirus through the wide distribution of mass emails posing as legitimate medical and or health organizations.” The Secret Service also posted these quick tips:

- “Phishing Emails / Social Engineering–Avoid opening attachments and clicking on links within emails from senders you do not recognize. These attachments can contain malicious content, such as ransomware, that can infect your device and steal your information. Be leery of emails or phone calls requesting account information or requesting you to verify your account. Legitimate businesses will never call you or email you directly for this information.
- Always independently verify any requested information originates from a legitimate source.
- Visit websites by inputting the domain name yourself. Business use encryption, Secure Socket Layer (SSL). Certificate “errors” can be a warning sign that something is not right with the website.”

Once again, I want to remind you to continue monitoring your CCM email, the college’s webpage, and CCM’s dedicated [COVID-19 Information Center](#). It is highly likely that unanticipated situations or needs will arise over the next week. Should you need any support or have any questions, please contact your immediate supervisor. Naturally, you are also welcome to contact me for assistance.

Respectfully,

Dr. Iacono