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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Concerned

FROM: Acting President, COM-FSM *Karen Simion* 2/4/2020

SUBJECT: State of Public Health Emergency to protect from 2019 Coronavirus.

FSM President Panuelo has put in place immediate precautionary measures to protect the lives and safety of FSM citizens, nationals and residents by initiating ban, restrictions and/or advisory with respect to unnecessary international travels that could intensify the risk of spreading the virus into the FSM territory. Please see attached declaration for details of this order. <https://www.fsmgov.org/fsmun/pubhealth.pdf>
<https://www.fsmgov.org/fsmun/pubhealth2.pdf>

Therefore, as Acting President of COM-FSM, I hereby declare that all college travel will be suspended until further notice. Travelers arriving from countries with confirmed cases of the virus are expected to spend 14 days in quarantine and/or bring a health certificate as clearance.

The Center for Disease Control is suggesting the following measures to help prevent spread of the virus:

- Washing your hands often for at least 20 seconds with soap and water. An alcohol-based sanitizer (at least 60% alcohol) can work in the absence of soap and water.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Stay home when you're sick.
- Cover your mouth when you cough, or sneeze with a tissue and throw the tissue in the trashcan.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

Please stay safe and be mindful of ways to prevent spread of this virus.