To The GCC Community:

Guttman’s Coronavirus Emergency Group just concluded its daily meeting, and I can report the following:

- Beginning on 3/16, our Library will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily Monday through Saturday. Students will be informed via social media and messages from Dean Pryor and OSE staff. We will also post the information on the website. All other services continue to be available and open to students.
- Long-term loaner laptops will be available to all students who need them. John Stroud is looking into programs being offered by vendors for emergency online access. We can use emergency funds to support this expense.
- We are exploring ways that work-study students can continue their employment during this period.
- The faculty are moving forward with redesigning their courses for distance learning modalities. OAA will have a detailed plan by early next week of the platforms they will be using, which will allow IS and OSE to ensure that students will be able to access the platforms. Students already are familiar with Digication and Blackboard.
- Guttman’s College Now program will be conducted via distance learning.
- Guttman’s lab courses will not meet in person.
- We are reworking Guttman’s coronavirus webpage to make it more user-friendly.
- HR is reaching out to employees who receive their paychecks in paper form.
- Anastasia Koutsides is Guttman’s coronavirus liaison with CUNY Central.
- Guttman’s Emergency Group will continue to meet every day.

If and when: Guttman has a confirmed coronavirus case, this is what will happen. (We are following the protocol developed by CUNY Central).

- After a “positive” confirmation, HR or OSE and Anastasia alerts Central.
- Also, we will post an announcement saying that Guttman has a confirmed case and the College will most likely be closed for at least one day for cleaning.
- Of course we will not release the person’s identity, but members of the community who work with the person or have been in the same class with the student will be alerted.
- If you are concerned you might have been exposed, the best thing for you to do if you live within the 5 boroughs of NYC is to call 311 and explain your concern. Also, inform your healthcare providers via tele-health, phone, or email and see what they say. If you live outside NYC, call the local health department or, better yet, check online if the department has a website.
- If you feel that you should self-quarantine, please let your supervisor and HR know.

That’s it for now. Unless there is an urgent message, I won’t issue another update until Monday, 3/16. Best wishes to all for the weekend.

Thank you,

Linda