

Dear Xavierites,

The Xavier University of Louisiana Administration and its COVID-19 Task Force have been carefully monitoring the growing public health concerns related to the coronavirus (COVID-19). The situation continues to evolve as more cases are reported locally, and nationally.

Currently there are presumptive cases in New Orleans. While the risk of contracting the virus is currently low in New Orleans, Xavier will continue to prepare, assess our risk and respond accordingly.

Therefore, for the health and safety of our entire campus community, please be advised --

Xavier is following the <u>U.S. Centers for Disease Control</u> and <u>The Louisiana Dept. of Health</u> guidelines as they develop.

Students should continue to attend classes and practice social distancing.

Students are encouraged to review CDC guidelines on <u>developing contingency plans</u> with their families.

The Xavier COVID-19 Task Force is preparing for conditions that may require transitioning to online classes.

Students should check emails, the website and social media for additional messages from the University.

We have worked diligently on our campus to prevent the spread of the virus. We remind you to follow prevention measures and take appropriate <u>precautions</u>.

We encourage everyone to make themselves aware of the resources on our <u>xula.edu/coronavirus-update</u> page and to check back often for updates.

Sincerely,

Reynold Verret

President

Xavier University of Louisiana