Colleagues:

Late this afternoon, the Ingham County Health Department issued an emergency order requiring all essential service providers and businesses in Ingham County to conduct brief health screenings of their workers who continue to report for essential operations in accordance with Governor Gretchen Whitmer’s “Stay Home, Stay Safe” executive order. This local emergency order took effect 5 p.m. today and MSU is actively working to comply with it.

Unfortunately, this means swift changes for our employees still reporting to work on campus. Beginning immediately, on-campus employees will be asked screening questions including whether they have had a fever or other symptoms associated with the novel coronavirus. Employees also should maintain a six-foot distance from other employees whenever possible.

We understand that these swift changes may cause a temporary disruption in normal operations, but it is important that we maintain the health and safety of our employees and all those entrusted in our care.

A copy of the health screening, the workplace checklist and the new emergency order can be found here for your awareness. The emergency order will also be posted on the entrance of all university facilities that employees, students or guests are actively utilizing.

At every turn of this pandemic, we’ve faced adversity. And in the face of that adversity, we’ve seen Spartans stepping up, adapting to change and willing to press forward. This is no different and we all appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

If you have any questions about this emergency order, please talk with your supervisor or unit leader – especially if something in the order prevents you from reporting to work.

Sincerely,

Dr. David Weismantel
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