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Dear Staff (teaching, non-teaching, administrative, technical, and supportive) of Loyola Campus,

Greetings. All of us are in a spate of confusion as the threat of Coronoavirus (Covid-19) seems to be threatening the globe. The Govt is taking precautions and the medical personnel are giving us a number of simple but effective measures to face the situation. Let us be diligent and pro-active in following the precautionary measures, not only for ourselves but for others as well.

At this point of time, not much is known about the Coronavirus: all seems to be groping in the dark without knowing the characteristics of the virus and the possible medical treatment when one is affected. We need not get panic but it is better to be prepared for the worst.

Let us follow the simple suggestions such as washing of hands: As the virus is assumed to be a fat, soap is expected to clean it creating a slippery surface. Let us avoid participating in public gatherings, as much as possible. As the worship places are recommended to be closed let us stay indoors and do our prayers. The Church recommends Masses via TV channel.

When one exhibits symptoms of dry cough and fever, kindly make sure of a medical check up and take all measures starting from self-quarantine.

We might need to draw a fine line between affection and infection. The elderly, especially above the age 70, seem to be most vulnerable. Let us take care of them providing a quarantine situation, if affected or infected. At the same time let us very much take care of the children and the youth. The youngsters in the family might need our attention so that they could avoid socializing with their friends.

Finally, God is our final refuge. Let us put ourselves in His/Her hands and remember each other in prayers. The Jesuit Community in Loyola (Chennai) assures each one of you prayerful solidarity. Things would get back to normalcy – Take courage and keep going. With kind regards,

Phavier SI