



MAUVSA

MID-ATLANTIC UNION OF VIETNAMESE STUDENT ASSOCIATIONS

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Dear MAUVSA Community,

The Mid-Atlantic Union of Vietnamese Student Associations is closely monitoring the effects that COVID-19 has put on our region and the community. While we support all governed State of Emergencies, we are also deeply saddened to hear about the cancelled events that go along with the declarations. Our members have put in so much work all year to showcase the Vietnamese culture and for it to be suspended or canceled by this novel virus is devastating.

It is important to understand that this outbreak is not to be taken lightly. Earlier this week, The World Health Organization (WHO) declared COVID-19 a pandemic as the virus sweeps into 114 countries. Growing number of cases and concerns have risen in our community and we ask you to take precaution. Take this time to be with your family, your loved ones, and people you care about. This outbreak is a never-before-seen event and our main priority is that our community is safe in these times.

Furthermore, we ask that you take care of our local communities and to exercise discretion when spreading rumors. Our local businesses thrive and depend on our support through these times of xenophobia, racism, and the recent attacks on Asians. Please do not spread rumors until trusted sources are confirmed. Rumors can have a lasting impact on their businesses and can hurt one's livelihood.

Lastly, we want to ensure that MAUVSA will be here as a resource as much as possible for our member schools as they go through stressful times figuring out alternatives for their events. However, to be clear, our advice is to follow all state protocols so you don't risk your life or the lives of others.

We stand together, and we stand as one during this time. We love you, MAUVSA. Be safe and take care of each other.

In solidarity,

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LINKS REGARDING COVID-19

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
2. World Health Organization
 - <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>
3. Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Situation
 - <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/685d0ace521648f8a5beeeee1b9125cd>