



**President's Office**

March 11, 2020

Dear Albizu Community,

Today the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the COVID-19 as a pandemic. The WHO made two relevant statements, which can be summarized as *it is not about creating fear but the realization that every individual must be involved in the fight.*

Albizu University is following the guidelines of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the local health department to plan, prevent, and respond. Therefore, we have protocols in place to establish concrete measures to avoid the risks of contagion, including academic continuity plans in case they are necessary. The Chancellors will be sharing campus-specific information with you.

Tomorrow we are launching the page [www.albizuinfo.com](http://www.albizuinfo.com) as a repository of institutional updates and prevention information. The following lines will provide around the clock access to information on our operations:

**Miami**

Albizu Hotline 305-702-7875

Albizu Employee Hotline 305-702-7880

**Puerto Rico**

Albizu Hotline 787-993-3890

Albizu Employee Hotline 787-993-3895

“It is in our Hands” is our educational prevention campaign. We are asking our directors and faculty members to join by taking the time to review the prevention measures recommended by the CDC to prevent the spread of COVID-19:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.



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Our institution has the social responsibility of ensuring public safety and health. We take this seriously and **ask you to stay home when you are sick**. The Dean of Students and the Directors of Human Resources are available to answer specific questions that you might have.

Rest assured that we are committed to ensuring the academic progress of our students and the well-being of our staff and partners.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "José Pons Madera".

José Pons Madera, PhD  
President