Dear ESF Alumni,

The College of Environmental Science and Forestry has been closely monitoring the COVID-19 pandemic. While there are still no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Onondaga County, we are taking the situation seriously and have implemented myriad measures to ensure the health and safety of our community while realizing our mission.

ESF will begin spring break after the final class on Friday, March 13. Classes for all students will resume on Monday, March 23. At that time, the college will transition from residential (face-to-face) instruction to virtual instruction. We will use a variety of distance education and non-traditional techniques, ranging from conference calls and videoconferencing to online learning.

During the period when instruction will be offered virtually, the Syracuse campus will remain open. Residents of Centennial Hall have been provided options: complete the virtual instruction from their permanent residence or complete the virtual instruction from Centennial Hall/Syracuse campus. We have encouraged students to consider each option and choose the approach that works best for their personal situation.

The Ranger School has cancelled Spring Break and will maintain its regular class schedule at the Wanakena campus through the end of the semester. Students will be limited in outside travel and visitors will not be permitted.

ESF is following CDC and state-department guidelines regarding events and travel. With that in mind, the College has cancelled all college and alumni events both on- and off-campus until further notice. Additionally, all ESF-sanctioned international travel – relative to students, staff, and faculty – has been suspended until further notice. ESF has also canceled college-related domestic travel and continues to discourage personal domestic travel for employees.

We are working collaboratively with local, state, and national organizations to ensure we have the most accurate information on COVID-19 and will keep you apprised of the College’s efforts to safeguard the health of our College community.

Sincerely,
Dave Amberg
Interim President