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Statement from Arizona Board of Regents Chair Larry Edward Penley Regarding Confirmed Coronavirus Case in Arizona State University Community

“The Arizona Board of Regents takes very seriously the safety, health and wellbeing of students, faculty and visitors at our state’s public university campuses. Preparedness planning and training is a priority for the board and university presidents and our universities are fully prepared to respond to a wide range of health concerns. In light of a newly confirmed coronavirus case affecting the Arizona State University community, ASU has quickly implemented its preparedness plan and is coordinating closely with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Arizona Department of Health Services, Maricopa County Department of Public Health and other critical health partners to ensure proper protocols are followed for the safety of the entire community.

“Northern Arizona University and the University of Arizona also have comprehensive preparedness plans. Expert teams at each of the universities proactively train for public health incidents such as this, in collaboration with local, state and federal officials. University officials have been working in close collaboration for several weeks, ever since this virus began to circulate more widely abroad and reach the United States. We will work with ASU, NAU and UArizona leaders to ensure campus communities are provided timely updates and accurate information, including tips to reduce the likelihood of infection.”