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Reopening GCC

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The tremendous impact of the 2019 Novel Corona Virus pandemic has created uncertainty and fear worldwide. While Guam has been spared the devastation that many others experienced, we must remain vigilant and steadfast as we guard against further spread of the deadly virus. Yet even in our caution, we must take the initial steps to return to some sense of normalcy on our island and our campus. To this end, the leadership of the Guam Community College has developed guidelines for the reopening of GCC's campus that ensures adherence to the strictest standards of health and safety protocols as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as well as those established by the Government of Guam. Students first, mission always has been GCC's guiding motto as the leaders in career and technical workforce development. Our highest priority is the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff. The decision to re-open the GCC campus is driven first and foremost by our ability to provide a safe and healthy environment for all our GCC stakeholders, including those with underlying health conditions. By first ensuring a safe and healthy campus, we are then able to focus all our efforts and energy in delivering the highest quality, student-centered education and job training for Micronesia. As you will see from this guidance, classrooms have been reconfigured to ensure appropriate social distancing; instruction will be delivered through a mix of in-classroom and online formats, to accommodate the smaller class capacity; masks are required to be worn at all times, hand sanitizer stations are available throughout campus and ample signage is posted throughout campus to remind our community of the safety measures required of us all. And facilities will be cleaned on a regular daily basis. In the end, our health and safety will depend on all of us, collectively, practicing good hygiene and social distancing, ensuring that we clean up our area before we

leave, and being an example to our neighbors by wearing our masks at all times, washing our hands frequently, and staying home when we are not feeling well. GCC will continually evaluate and adjust our procedures to meet any further developments regarding COVID-19, and any necessary adjustments will be reflected within this document. We are excited to usher in a new school year, and we welcome you to the new GCC.