Dear Colleagues:

This morning, the college's emergency operations team met to discuss the proactive measures we should take in response to the nearby fire in Morris Canyon. While the fire itself does not present a danger to the Citrus College campus, we are concerned about the effect of the current air quality on our students, faculty, staff and visitors. The AQMD has designated the air quality in our area as "unhealthy" stating, "All individuals are urged to exercise caution and avoid unnecessary outdoor activities in any area directly impacted by smoke. This includes areas where residents can see or smell smoke."

Citrus College will continue its normal business and instructional activities. However, we have implemented proactive measures such as making sure the student lines to the Cashier, Financial Aid and other student service offices are inside the buildings, and cancelling outdoor sports practices while allowing the teams to use the Fitness Center and the gym. We urge you to take the following precautions as long as the current air quality status exists.

- Stay indoors as much as possible. An air-conditioned building that smells like smoke is safer than being outdoors.
- If you have health problems exacerbated by poor air quality or if you become ill, feel free to go home. If you leave, please inform your immediate supervisor or manager.

Please visit our website for up to date information about the Morris Fire, as well as links to the AQMD, the US Forest Service and other helpful websites.

Sincerely,

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