

# Coronavirus Virtual Town Hall: Thursday 12 March, 1400-1500 ...from CAPT Philip E. Old, Chief of Staff

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Team NPS,

President Rondeau will host a Virtual Town Hall this Thursday, 12 March from 1400–1500 with members of the leadership team. This is an opportunity to share the latest information we have regarding COVID-19, discuss what it means to NPS, and answer your questions, as best we can. It will be recorded and available if you miss it.

- The Virtual Town Hall can be viewed at: <https://wiki.nps.edu/x/xbPuRQ>
- You can submit advance questions here: <https://wiki.nps.edu/x/MLTuRQ>
- Calendar invite [here](#): (click to download and open with Outlook)

Everyone has been doing a great job, and I appreciate your patient, calm pursuit of our mission.

We are closely monitoring the developments of the COVID-19 situation and its potential impact on our NPS community. Leadership at NPS is developing contingency plans in accordance with higher guidance should further action be necessary. To date, no coronavirus cases have been reported in Monterey County.

Our primary focus is prevention and preparedness. The President, Provost, and I need you to be proactive, stay informed, and be ready. This is a dynamic situation, and the health/safety of our people working, studying, and families living at NPS is always top priority.

President Rondeau's goal for this Virtual Town Hall is to be upfront about what we know, what we don't know, and take questions from you to learn more about what you want to know.

Somewhere between denial and panic is prepared – that's where NPS needs to be.

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An Ounce of Prevention:

- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with 65%–95% alcohol
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects
- Steer clear of sick crowds and public places