The once busy and bustling BCBP lobby is now so empty, one could hear a pin drop. With the spread of COVID-19, the university is taking extra precautions to make sure everyone is healthy and safe. Now that everything has been switched over online, there will always be confusion and uncertainty moving forward. The university continues to update daily of any new information about COVID-19, whether it is about how it directly affects the teaching system, how to effectively stay on top of your hygiene, or about COVID-19 in general.

The following links are good resources to follow if you have any further questions or concerns about all these new changes happening. Faculty and staff can visit the following links to learn more about the libraries' coronavirus updates and resources and the "keep teaching" site from the Provost. If you need any support document help, contact aihelp@tamu.edu. All COALS faculty, staff and students can visit COALS COVID-19 Resources to seek answers to any of your questions and concerns.

Everyone, please stay vigilant with washing your hands, not touching your face and practicing safe distancing from others. This is a difficult time that we're all going through, but as long as we stay persistent and optimistic, we can all fight this virus together. Please, stay safe and healthy! To learn more information about COVID-19 and how it's affecting the rest of the world, visit: https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/map.html.
Myths About COVID-19

**COVID-19 MYTH**
Gargling with bleach, using essential oils, and taking steroids will protect you from COVID-19.

**FACT**
These proposed preventative measures may be dangerous and cannot protect a person from COVID-19.

Source: Johns Hopkins

**COVID-19 MYTH**
A vaccine to cure COVID-19 is available.

**FACT**
There is no vaccine for COVID-19. Developing a new vaccine can take months and scientists are currently working on a vaccine.

Source: Johns Hopkins

**COVID-19 MYTH**
You do not have COVID-19 if you have a runny nose.

**FACT**
A runny nose can mean you have another illness, but has also been seen in patients with COVID-19.

Source: CNN

**COVID-19 MYTH**
Spraying alcohol or chlorine all over your body kills COVID-19.

**FACT**
Spraying alcohol or chlorine on your body can be dangerous and does not kill COVID-19.

Source: WHO

**COVID-19 MYTH**
There are specific medicines to treat and prevent COVID-19.

**FACT**
There are no specific medicines to prevent and treat COVID-19. Medicines can be used to relieve symptoms of COVID-19.

Source: WHO

**COVID-19 MYTH**
You do not have COVID-19 if you can hold your breath for 10 seconds without discomfort or coughing.

**FACT**
“Most young patients with COVID-19 will be able to hold their breaths for much longer than 10 seconds. And many elderly without the virus won’t be able to do it.”

Source: CNN
Congratulations to those who have published their research in the month of February! If you would like to read more on their research, please click on the link below:


Graduate Students/Research Staff
Donna Iadarola
Sachin Katti
Lee Sanchez
Prachi Trivedi

Faculty
Dr. Robert Chapkin
Dr. Vishal Gohil
Dr. Magnus Höök
Dr. Tatyana Igumenova
Dr. Dmitry Kurouski
Dr. Stephen Safe
Dr. Dorothy Shippen
Dr. David Threadgill
Dr. Lanying Zeng
Dr. Xiuren Zhang

In Defense...

Congratulations to Dr. Karl Gorzelnik, from the lab of Dr. Junjie Zhang, for successfully defending his Ph.D. thesis on February 26th! His dissertation defense was on the topic of: Structure of the ssRNA Phage Qβ Enables Design of Virus-like Particles for RNA Delivery.

Congratulations to Dr. Incheol Yeo, from the lab of Dr. Tim Devarenne, for successfully defending his Ph.D. thesis on March 2nd! His dissertation defense was on the topic of: A functional role for tomato threonine deaminase 2 in host defense against bacterial infection.
Upcoming Events

All seminars, symposiums, sports, or large events are cancelled/postponed until further notice.

General

April 9, 16, 23, 30
Zoom Faculty Thursday Talks

April 10
Reading Day- NO CLASSES

April 28
Redefined Day- Friday Classes

April 29
Reading Day- NO CLASSES

April 30-May 5
Final Exams

Thursday Talks
April 9: Josh Wand
April 16: Vlad Panin
April 23: Lanying Zeng
April 30: Jean-Philippe Pellois

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A-mean-oh acid.

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