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To the Seattle Film Institute Community:

I'm reaching out to you to provide a summary and update of how COVID-19 (novel Coronavirus) has affected Seattle Film Institute and how SFI is continuing to provide all of our education and services.

In response to the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19,) Governor Jay Inslee has ordered all higher education institutions in the state to close for in-person classes instruction (not including labs) from Tuesday, March 17 through at least April 24th.

Seattle Film Institute will continue to deliver its curriculum through online and hybrid delivery (and labs as appropriate).

Campus services remain open and available to students as always during normal business hours to help students navigate any academic, financial aid, or business office questions or concerns. Students will have access to equipment check-outs for projects required for classes. SFI staff and instructors will coordinate with students and communicate directly with students on policies and procedures for equipment check-outs that will happen between March 23 through May 29, 2020.

Seattle Film Institute has been delivering its on-ground instruction in a synchronous online platform for many years. Students, regardless of location, are able to virtually join live on-ground sessions to participate in a full classroom experience including discussions, critiques, and group projects. Our online platform is robust and built to meet the needs of all of our programs.

Here at SFI, we've asked all staff who can work remotely to do so. Our cleaning staff is continually working to clean all campus surfaces and areas, including countertops, handrails, and door handles to ensure a safe environment for those on-campus.

Collaboration and communication is at the heart of the fields for which Seattle Film Institute provides education and training. During this period, it is so important for you to reach out if you have any questions or concerns. In addition to our staff and instructors, you should feel free to call or email me directly (206-568-4387-X100; david@sfi.edu).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David J. Shulman'.

David J. Shulman
President, Seattle Film Institute