



Office of the President

Message from the Office of the President

March 16, 2020

Let me begin by expressing our sincere appreciation to each of you for the way that you have made personal adjustments in working with the University to ameliorate challenges resulting from the aggressive spread of COVID-19. The CSU community has been responsive to immediate directions provided by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Governor's Task Force and campus administration. There have not been any identified COVID-19 cases on campus.

One of our biggest challenges is that the current health situation and circumstances are changing rapidly, So, it is difficult to provide long range decisions in an ever-changing environment. We will continue to provide you with up to date information and reminders as quickly as they are confirmed. Thank you for your patience and support as we navigate through this serious health pandemic.

Up to date and current information related to COVID-19 and changes to campus operations can be accessed on the CSU website at <https://www.centralstate.edu/PR/index2.php?num=106>

Academic Instruction

All face to face courses are being migrated to on-line delivery for the remainder of the semester. Students who are currently at their personal off campus residence should complete their course work through the use of the campus technology platform, Schoology. A comprehensive guide and tutorial for on-line learning will be sent to every student via MyCSU email, posted on the MyCSU landing page and the campus website.

On-line course instruction will begin March 23rd and continue throughout the end of the semester. Check your MyCSU account and Schoology account daily for further detailed instructions from your academic faculty or advisor.

Residential Halls

Currently, there is a small number of students in the residence hall; many who are international students. We realize that many international students and Fulbright Scholars were unable to navigate quick international travel in such a short period of time. We have kept the residence halls opened for those students who need special accommodations or require exceptional considerations. However, it is expected that all students - domestic and international - will be returning to their homes by the end of this week.

Food Service

We thank Sodexo/Magic catering for working with us to provide continuous food service. Effective today all campus dining will be carry out only. This is in accordance with CDC guidelines and the executive order issued by Governor DeWine to close all bars and restaurants throughout the State.

Retrieving Property

Students who have left the campus will receive a schedule indicating specific dates they will be permitted to return to campus to retrieve any remaining items from the residence halls. **PLEASE DO NOT RETURN to the campus without authorization.**

Campus Visitation

Effective Thursday, March 19th, campus will be closed to all unauthorized visitors. Main campus will only be accessible through one entrance off of State Route 42 near the new residential hall.

Telework for faculty and staff

Although many faculty and staff have utilized the telework model, there will be new, formal drills and protocols issued by IT to test our efficiency to operate remotely at a higher capacity. Please follow the directions regarding this process as presented by the Information Technology department. Expect to receive the first directives from Academic Affairs and IT in the next few days.

Faculty and Staff

Effective immediately, we will go to an abbreviated schedule with the intent to close all academic buildings by Friday, March 20th. Academic Affairs will provide the abbreviated schedule.

University Events

At this time, all campus events have been cancelled or postponed until further notice. Traditional Commencement activities as previously planned are being reviewed against new, mandated crowd compliance guidelines. We will continue to think creatively about providing a wonderful experience for graduates and their families. When new plans are confirmed, graduating seniors will be contacted.

Self-Care

You are encouraged to practice self-care and practice social distancing. Washing hands and sanitizing commonly touched services (i.e. doorknobs, phones) are critically essential to minimizing the contagion of the virus. Continued monitoring of official websites is also important to ensure that you are well informed.

Testing

Any individuals who feel sick or who exhibit any of the CDC published symptoms (fever, shortness of breath, runny nose, cough) should immediately contact their primary care physician or local health department. If a positive test is confirmed, immediately contact the campus Student Health Center at 937.376.6134. Professionals at the Health Center will provide additional guidance and advice on proper quarantine procedures.

Thank you and please be safe and healthy!