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Dear UWA Family,

UWA to transition to online instruction April 6

The University of West Alabama has continued to [monitor COVID-19](#) and its potential effects on the University community and our educational delivery methods. At this time, **ZERO Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases have been identified on the UWA campus**, and no one from UWA has reported experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. However, in response to the latest guidance and recommendations from CDC and other public health agencies and out of an abundance of caution for the health and safety of the entire University community, the University will transition all on-campus classes to online instruction beginning April 6.

On-campus classes will continue to meet as normal through March 20. The University will close as scheduled for Spring Break March 23-27. On-campus classes will be suspended March 30-April 3 to allow additional time for UWA to transition as efficiently and completely as possible to online instruction. All on-campus classes will fully transition to online instruction April 6. Students currently enrolled in UWA Online courses will continue as originally scheduled.

UWA Housing

Students are not required to return to campus when classes resume on April 6, and can continue their course work via online instruction. International or other students who do not have alternative accommodations, students from areas without high-speed internet or other means of receiving remote instruction, and students with exceptional hardships, or academic, employment, or clinical requirements may return to their University housing. Arrangements will be made to ensure any students who need to remain on campus have access to essential services. A move-out plan from UWA Housing will be communicated soon.

Domestic and International Travel

In addition to the previously announced suspension of international travel, all university-sponsored domestic travel will continue to be reviewed based on the previously announced criteria and changing circumstances.

Other University Business

Due to these changes, some essential personnel may be required to work over Spring Break. Supervisors will be in contact about those schedules. Other University operations will continue as originally planned, with employees returning from Spring Break March 30.

Exposed or Sick Individuals

Do not return to campus if you meet the following criteria:

- If you have traveled to a [CDC COVID-19 Level 2 or 3 country](#) (on personal or University business) or come in close contact with anyone diagnosed with COVID-19, you are required to contact the [Alabama Department of Public Health](#)
- If you have the symptoms of fever, cough or shortness of breath, contact your healthcare provider.

Assistance with Online Instruction

We will examine how to best support employees and students who have special health or other needs impacted by these decisions. Faculty may call upon UWA Online staff members to assist with online preparation and teaching.

As always, we appreciate your continued patience and cooperation as we work together collegially to deliver the highest quality instruction to our students that they and we have come to expect at UWA. Together, we can ensure the health and safety of our entire University community.

Thank you,

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