

All Employees:

The College has been closely monitoring the coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) and providing updates as the situation evolves. College personnel have been in consultation with the Governor, Chancellor and senior leadership all of whom are focused on our College's preparations and response. We continue to align our recommendations with and follow guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other city and state agencies.

The following message will be sent to students this evening (via CANVAS, email, Rhodes Alert, and on website):

Effective Wednesday, March 11, 2020 the campus will be closed to all students. Face-to-face classes and labs will be suspended in response to the Governor's recommendation about mitigating the spread of the coronavirus – COVID 19. Classes will resume in a remote learning format (online only through CANVAS) on Monday March 16, 2020. There will be no face-to-face classes or labs. All clinical and all online classes will continue as scheduled. Remote learning will continue until April 3, 2020. However, this date could be extended. Check the Rhodes State email, CANVAS, and website for additional updates and information. Faculty will provide direction via CANVAS concerning course/lab content and assignments going forward. IF YOU ARE A STUDENT PARTICIPATING IN OFF CAMPUS ACTIVITIES (CLINICALS, INTERNSHIPS, FIELD EXPERIENCE, BRADFIELD CENTER) YOU ARE TO REPORT AS SCHEDULED TOMORROW AND ONGOING.

**All employees are expected to report to work as normal unless the following apply to you:**

- You or a family member is sick (experiencing respiratory illness)
- Have traveled internationally or been on a cruise ship within the last 14 days

Faculty and staff are to prepare and convert coursework to remote learning through Sunday, March 15, 2020. If faculty need technology assistance, CDIL is available. Further information will be coming out from the CDIL. Please work with your chairs on how you will proceed with lab content/skill competencies, etc.

Stay tuned – the situation is evolving daily and announcements will be updated. Thank you in advance for your support and understanding.

Warmest Regards

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