

March 13, 2020

Dear Clarion University community,

I understand that this is a challenging time and there are a number of questions on a variety of topics. I want to assure you that our Emergency Response Team is continuing to meet on a daily basis. Like you, we are all concerned about the uncertainties this unprecedented situation has created for our campus community. Our team has provided additional information, resources and updated FAQs at www.clarion.edu/coronavirus. I urge you to visit the page to learn the latest information.

As a reminder, we have suspended all face-to-face instruction until further notice, effective Monday, March 16. I can't tell you how proud I am of our faculty and staff who have galvanized around the need to get alternative methods of teaching together so quickly. While most institutions are taking a week or more, you are making it happen in a few days. That is the Clarion way, and I can't say thank you enough.

During this time, all campus offices and services will remain open, including student housing, limited dining services, library services and other student services. If students who live in campus housing choose to leave campus, they will not be able to return to their residence halls until normal university operations resume. Additional information on housing and services is available at: <https://www.clarion.edu/student-life/living-at-clarion/campus-housing/>

The Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) announced today that effective immediately, the PSAC and its member institutions will suspend all athletic competition for the remainder of the spring semester. Our athletic and student affairs leadership are working on what that means for practices and our student-athletes.

No cases of coronavirus have been reported on campus or in any of the counties where campuses are located. Still, we are remaining diligent to help reduce the spread of the virus. This pandemic has literally changed our world. I encourage you to continue following best practices for personal health, including frequently washing your hands with soap and water for 20 seconds and avoiding close contact with people who are sick. We will get through this difficult period, and we are here to support each of you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Dale