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Frostburg State University Moving to Online Instruction for Remainder of Semester

Given the governor's office revised guidance from yesterday and recommendations from the Pandemic Recovery Team and the University System of Maryland, I have made the decision that Frostburg State University will move all classes, including finals, to online instruction for the rest of the semester, effective **tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 12.**

Here are the basics — more detailed information will follow from FSU News and specific emails. Closely monitor your official FSU email accounts:

- **Regarding academics:**
 - Faculty should communicate course-specific changes to students in a timely manner.
 - The PC/NC option will NOT be available for students.
 - Students can decide to withdraw from a class, avoiding a failing grade, as late as the last day of classes, Wednesday, Nov. 18. Students, please consult Financial Aid, Athletics Compliance and Veterans Services, as appropriate, to be sure of the potential implications of this move. Faculty, please reinforce this advice.
 - Faculty will continue to have access to their offices in order to provide instruction.
- **Regarding campus services:**
 - Residence halls will remain open for students who choose to remain on campus for the remainder of the semester. The Residence Life Office will be reaching out to you with additional information and guidance on your options.
 - All food services are now grab-and-go. More information can be found at <https://dineoncampus.com/frostburg>.
 - The indoor Cordts PE Center activity areas along with the Lane University Center fitness center and game room areas will remain closed for the semester.
 - Many services across the university will remain available, although some areas may have restricted physical access. Many offices will remain open with other services provided virtually. Employees should verify with supervisors for telework options.
- **Health recommendations:**
 - We strongly encourage all students who are returning home to get a free virus test prior to returning home. The state and county health departments are now providing free COVID-19 testing three days per week starting today at the [Allegany County Fairgrounds](#). Hours for the testing site are Mondays from 2-7 p.m. and on Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. No appointment, insurance card, or doctor's order is needed.
 - Students who are in isolation/quarantine must continue to follow health guidelines.

It is especially important now — and as we have reiterated throughout the semester — that you continue individual precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19. You must wear a face mask in all interactions with others, remain socially distanced (6 feet) from any other person and frequently hand-wash. Daily use of the online check-in, www.frostburg.edu/checkin, is required. These actions are proven to reduce the spread of the virus. We continue to sanitize and clean common areas and spaces across the campus. And it is essential that we continue to be vigilant about the virus. The Dean of Students Office and the Office of Human Resources have been and will continue to issue disciplinary sanctions for individuals placing others in harm. Likewise, faculty and staff who fail to comply with the social compact and compromise the well-being of others may be addressed by their supervisors.

Watch your official FSU email and www.frostburg.edu/fall2020 in the coming hours and days for the most up-to-date information. You can reach out to fall2020@frostburg.edu with questions or concerns.

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