

March 11, 2020

Good afternoon,

Here is additional information regarding FSU operations and preparations regarding COVID-19. As noted before, we are working closely with the University System of Maryland in addressing this situation.

This information is based on what we know now. Be aware that the situation is fluid. Check your email at least daily, make sure you are [signed up for BURG Alerts](#), and verify information via the FSU website: www.frostburg.edu/COVID-19.

Official FSU communications are the only authoritative source of information regarding FSU operations.

Here are some frequently asked questions:

Can you clarify about classes going online? Will there be any face-to-face classes?

All classes **must go online** immediately after spring break until April 6. There will be NO face to face classes during that time. Faculty need to use online modalities, whether synchronously or not, at least through April 6. Learning activities that cannot be put online will need to be postponed until the University administration has cleared the campus for face-to-face classes.

The provost's office will be supplying a variety of helpful resources to assist faculty in the transition by Thursday, March 12.

Do I have to come back to campus after spring break? With there be food and other services available?

No, students may elect to stay home and participate in their classes online during that period. However, for those students who do not have that option or who otherwise choose to, the campus will be open.

Food service, computer labs, Lane Center and the library will be available.

Nevertheless, students wherever they are should practice good hygiene and social distancing techniques – stay about 6 feet away from others, avoid large crowds or crowded places, etc. More information can be found [here](#).

I have a work-study job/internship/required field work? What do I do?

The University is committed to supporting our students and their academic progress as well as we can. Guidelines and alternative options are being developed now, and we will provide that information as quickly as possible.

I am organizing a campus event during that period. What should I do?

Within the next day or two, you should receive a communication regarding rescheduling or moving your event to a larger space to allow for social distancing. If you do not receive that message before spring break, reach out to whoever scheduled your room for you.

Is all travel canceled?

Non-essential, University-paid, business travel (such a conference) is canceled. Exceptions must be approved by the respective vice president.

Study abroad and alternative spring break programs scheduled for next week have also been canceled.

The University cannot control where students, faculty or staff travel over spring break using personal funds, but international travel is strongly discouraged. Please see the following related message from the Allegany County Health Department:

Message from the Allegany County Health Department:

In order to proactively prevent the potential spread of coronavirus to Allegany County, the Allegany Health Department is asking colleges and universities to comply with the following mitigation measures: If any student or faculty member travels to China, Italy, South Korea or Iran, they must self-quarantine for 14 days after their return and call Allegany County Health Department (301-759-5000) to inform public health workers of their travel history. Please keep in mind that the State Department and the CDC strongly discourage travel to those areas during the current coronavirus outbreak. Travelers to other areas should maintain close observation on their health by checking for fever and respiratory symptoms for 14 days after returning and contact your health care provider or the health department if symptoms arise. At this time, individuals not in the mandatory self-quarantine category are otherwise unrestricted in their movements around the community.

We will continue to update you as developments arise.

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