

Dear Marauder Family,

Walking across campus this week, I was filled with mixed emotions. Spring has arrived in all of its glory and splendor. Pacing around the pond and visiting with our resident swans, Miller and S'Ville, I experienced the bursting buds, radiant colors, and sweet and odoriferous aroma that mark the beginning of the new season. Yet, it was quiet, too quiet. Missing was the energy and enthusiasm of our students that would normally engulf the landscape and ignite my smile.

As the spring season and warmer weather begins to settle in, the COVID-19 situation in the region and across the state remains fluid and extremely serious. On April 3, we received notification that a Millersville student who resides off-campus tested positive for coronavirus. The student is doing well, and is under medical supervision. Our health services staff is in contact with the student and we send our best wishes for a full and speedy recovery.

We must remain determined in implementing the recommended protective measures as cases have increased across our region and the Commonwealth. The President's Cabinet and MU's Incident Response Team continue to enact necessary procedures to protect our students, faculty, staff as well as our community. Let's continue to act in ways that safeguard the physical and mental wellbeing of ourselves and our loved ones.

With the shift to our "new normal" of teaching, learning and working remotely, we are confronting a new threat and I am asking all Marauders to be watchful. Our IT team has seen a dramatic increase in cyberattacks through new phishing scams and ransomware campaigns. These perpetrators are using the "COVID-19" crisis to gain access to computers, networks and your personal information. Similarly, the U.S. Department of Justice has issued new warnings against increased financial scams and fraud.

Let me highlight several new developments since my last message to campus.

- The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania remains under a state-wide "stay at home" order through at least April 30.
- On April 10, Governor Wolf issued a new directive to extend the closure of K-12 schools for the remainder of the academic year. He further directed that colleges and universities refrain from in-person instruction or opening physical locations.
- Department of Education Secretary Pedro Rivera issued a new directive waiving student teaching requirements.
- Cabinet has approved moving all summer session courses online. Our instructional design team will host training the week of April 20 to help prepare faculty to teach remotely for summer sessions.
- To support our students who have critical needs during this crisis, the EPPIIC Student Compassion Fund has raised over \$20,000 from employees, alumni and friends. Information is forthcoming regarding the application process.

To the members of the Marauder family who are celebrating religious holidays this week, I offer my warm wishes for peace and good health among you and your loved

ones. Against the backdrop of the historic challenges we face, I am reminded of the importance of community and the hope for better times ahead. Now, more than ever, we must find new ways to express our support and care for one another.

Be kind, be safe and stay healthy.

With warm regards,

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University President