To: Wesley College Family  
From: Wesley College President  
Date: March 17th, 2020  
Subject: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – UPDATE #3

Dear Wesley College Family,

There has been almost continual updates to Federal and State guidelines on measures to be enacted to combat the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19), and I am extremely proud and thankful for the dedicated efforts of those on our Coronavirus (COVID-19) Action Group (CAG) in helping us all stay informed through our webpage section dedicated to this issue, as well as the contingency planning and execution assistance they have provided that ensures to the best extent possible the health and safety of our Wolverine College Family, and the continuation of the best possible educational environment to our students under the current circumstances.

We are in day two of shifting our educational offerings to an online platform, and I am sure there may be a few inefficiencies we need to work out, but all efforts are being made to correct any of the problems being noted, as well as putting into place measures to mitigate any additional or future disruptions. I am very grateful and appreciative to our IT Team, faculty, and staff for their efforts in rapidly effecting our move online.

Please continue to regularly check your Wesley email as well as the College’s website for the most up to date information and guidance - rumors or speculation on various other sites, are just that and should not be taken as fact and be cause for undue anxiety or concern.

These are extraordinary circumstances that we all face, and the importance for each and every one of us to do our part cannot be stressed enough. As I mentioned in the last update, that includes keeping informed and up to date with the latest information being provided by our health care experts, following the directions provided by leadership, practicing good hygiene, being aware of your surroundings, and practicing social distancing. Below is a link to a you-tube video that metaphorically uses a line of matches burning that visually provides an understanding of the importance of social distancing in stopping the spread of COVID-19 [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Hi9-5F2zW4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Hi9-5F2zW4).

The health and safety of our Wolverine College Family is our top priority as is our commitment to ensuring we continue to provide the best possible educational environment for our students as collectively we do our part to help mitigate the spread of this virus.

Based on the recent Federal and State guidelines, and recommendations from our CAG, the following measures and practices, in addition to those from the previous update, will be implemented until further notice:
• All students currently remaining in the Residence Halls will be asked to return home, and move out no later than 4:00 pm on Saturday, March 21st, following the established protocols for room move out, unless you meet specific criteria that will be sent out by Residence Life in a forthcoming e-mail. Those few that are approved by the Dean of Students to remain will have access to the dining facility and pod-market, whose manning and hours will be adjusted to support the reduced demand – the new hours will be sent out by Food Services in a forthcoming e-mail, and will be posted in College Center.

• As previously stated, all campus offices and the dining facility will remain open. HR has issued temporary telecommuting guidance to assist those that may need to work remotely for medical, child care, or other extenuating circumstances. Additionally, if you feel unwell or have family members that are unwell, you need to respond accordingly to that situation (stay home, self-isolate, or whatever the situation calls for). Our HR office stands ready to answer the HR-related questions about this.

• In line with Federal guidelines minimize the number of meetings that have 10 or more participants, and whenever possible hold meetings via teleconference. In cases where in person meetings are needed use social distancing to include remaining at least six feet from each other in an as large as possible meeting place.

• Avoid hand-shakes and hugs – use simple waves, elbow taps, fist pumps and other responsible forms of greetings.

We will continually monitor and assess the situation and provide updates as warranted. Our CAG will meet regularly as we monitor this situation, and as previously stated we will make a formal assessment prior to Monday, April 6th, to determine whether to keep these measures in place or to return to normal operations. Additionally, updates will be provided every Tuesday (vice Tuesday and Thursday as stated in Update #2) or when significant information needs to be relayed or measures changed.

Thank you all for your patience and flexibility as we work together to continue with the semester under these new circumstances. Additionally, rest assured that we continue to do everything possible to close the deal with our future potential partner as soon as possible so we all can move forward and focus on our collective future.

Though there are many uncertainties and variables out of our control, I remain optimistic that we will find a way to get it done and in doing so set the standards for others to follow. Continue to keep “the main-thing the main-thing” and stay focused on your studies, your safety, and your successes that lie ahead. Take each day one at a time and focus on the things we can each do to better ourselves, disrupt the spread of COVID-19, and improve the lives of those around us. Stay safe, stay focused, and continue to be the best.

All The Best & Go Wolverines!

Robert E. Clark II
President of the College