Dear Wesley College Family,

We are now a full week into having shifted our educational offerings to an online platform, and I continue to be absolutely amazed and thankful for the dedicated efforts of our IT Team, faculty, and staff for the efficient, and effective way the transition was executed.

We are entering a critical phase nationally in our collective efforts to help stem the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). The Surgeon General stated that people across the country are not taking the threat seriously despite the warnings and measures being directed to stay at home if at all possible, and practice social distancing.

To date we have already instituted significant measures to limit the individuals remaining on campus in support of providing online offerings, and care of the ~30 students that remain on campus. Based on the recent “stay at home” order issued by Governor Carney that goes into effect tomorrow, Tuesday, March 24th, and remains in effect until May 15th or until the public health threat is eliminated, the following measures and practices, in addition to those from the previous update, will be implemented immediately, and remain in effect until further notice:

- The Campus is closed to the public until further notice, and instruction for the remainder of the semester will be completed online.

- All non-essential personnel will be required to work from home and telecommute commencing tomorrow, Tuesday, March 24th, until further notice. HR will publish a list of essential personnel later this afternoon, and will be limited to those functionality areas that are absolutely needed to ensure the continuity of our online offerings, and safety and care of our students that were authorized to remain on campus. In a broad sense:
  - Provost designated personnel to support online offerings
  - CFO designated personnel to support essential business and financial functions
  - Security personnel
  - Residence Life personnel
  - Food Service personnel
- Maintenance/Cleaning personnel
- IT personnel
- Healthcare/Wellness personnel

- The ~30 students that remain on campus are to remain in their rooms or on campus unless they need to seek medical assistance, get food, or are employed in a defined essential business in accordance with the Governor’s recent order. Students are not to go to others rooms, or congregate in other areas on campus, and are to practice social distancing at all times.

  - Residence Life will provide additional guidance as needed to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our students that remain on campus.
  
  - Remaining students should continue to work through their particular issues and make every effort to return home at the earliest opportunity.

- Our dining facility will remain open in support of the ~30 students that remain on campus, but all meals will be provided in a takeout manner – there will be no dining in.

- All students that have left campus to return home, as well as all designated commuter students will not be allowed on campus until further notice. For those that did not fully move out of their rooms, information will be posted at a later date when you can return.

  - Our business office is looking at several possible billing adjustment/credit/refund options regarding your room and board, and we would ask for your patience as we work through the details. Our plan is to have something formalized as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the semester.

- The May 2020 commencement ceremony and all other related events/activities will be cancelled. However, degrees will still be conferred for those students who successfully complete all degree requirements. We are exploring an alternative/virtual commencement ceremony, as well as a possible Fall ceremony, and will provide updates once that information is available.

We will continually monitor and assess the situation and provide updates as warranted. Our CAG will now convene daily as we continue to monitor this situation. Updates will be provided every Tuesday, or as with this update, when significant information needs to be relayed in a timelier fashion. This update will be our weekly update unless the situation dictates otherwise, and therefore the next regular update will be next Tuesday, March 31st.

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.
The health and safety of our Wolverine College Family continues to be, and will always be, our top priority. Additionally, during this time of uncertainty I can assure you that there is no plan to furlough anyone, and there will be no interruption in our pay or benefits as we all remain committed to ensuring we provide the best possible educational environment for our students to finish out this semester.

We will continue to do our part to help stem the spread of the virus, as well as help our community and state in any way possible. 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