To: Wesley College Family  
From: Wesley College President  
Date: March 31st, 2020  
Subject: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – UPDATE #5

Dear Wesley College Family,

We are entering an extremely critical phase nationally in our collective efforts to help stem the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19). Each one of us has a role to play in this global effort to defeat the virus. Social distancing, washing hands thoroughly and often – soap and warm water preferable, hand sanitizer to supplement when soap & water is not readily available, staying away from others, and if you can - STAY at HOME. Remember our efforts today will help save lives tomorrow.

The following measures and practices, in addition to those from the previous updates, will be implemented immediately, and remain in effect until further notice:

- As a reminder the Campus is closed to the public, all personnel considered non-essential, to include all students except the 25 that remain on campus in accordance with the Dean of Student’s hardship waiver, until further notice.
  
  o Guidance when students may return to campus to fully move out of the Residence Halls will be provided in May.

- All essential personnel are to telecommute from home as much as possible, and only come into the office for work when it is absolutely necessary to ensure the continuity of our online offerings, and safety and care of our students that were authorized to remain on campus. Additionally, in accordance with the Governor’s guidance those essential personnel that must come to campus will:
  
  o Check their temperature prior to coming in to ensure that it is below 99.5 F.

  o Do not come in for any reason if you feel sick in any way.

  ▪ If you have any symptoms of respiratory infections such as fever, shortness of breath, severe sore throat, or muscle aches, call your health care provider for guidance and potential screening.

  ▪ Additionally, even if your health care provider does not test you for COVID-19, you should not come back to campus until at least 7 days after symptoms have been resolved and you have been cleared by your doctor to return.
o Immediately inform HR if you have been in close contact (within 6 ft) of a person who tested positive for COVID-19, and in addition to contacting your health care provider for guidance, you are to self-isolate at home for at least 14 days before returning to campus.

- As a reminder the 25 students that remain in residence are to stay 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 other rooms, bring visitors into their room, congregate in other areas on campus, and are always to practice social distancing.

  o All gyms, weight rooms, Wesley West, Drass Field, the Baseball Stadium, and the Softball field are closed and off limits.

  o Remaining students should continue to work through their issues and make every effort to return home at the earliest opportunity.

  o The current waiver allowing students to remain on campus will expire at the end of the semester unless circumstances significantly change, so students currently in the Residence Halls should plan accordingly.

  • All classes will remain on-line until further notice and the Vice President of Academic Affairs/Provost, will provide guidance for Summer School in a separate correspondence.

  • Planning continues for an alternative/virtual commencement recognition ceremony in May, as well as a possible Fall commencement. The Office of Student Affairs will provide updates once more information is available.

Please continue to regularly check your Wesley email as well as the College’s website for the most up to date information and guidance. Based on some of the questions we have received this past week, some members of our campus community are not effectively utilizing our Coronavirus (COVID-19) page on our website – https://wesley.edu/coronavirus-covid-19-information - stay informed & stay safe!

I know these are challenging times, but social distancing and staying at home as much as possible, does not mean you are alone. We are all in this together and we are all just a “click” or “call” away. In addition to schooling and education, use social media and technology to keep in touch with each other, as well as posting positive messages or tips to help others who may not be as fortunate. Work hard on your studies and lets all finish the semester strong while also leading the way to stem the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Continue to 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.

I have taken the liberty of modifying the following quote by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. – his message is timeless, and the modification appropriate – “The ultimate measure of a Wolverine is not where they stand in moments of comfort and convenience, but where they stand at times of challenge and controversy.”
Stay safe, stay focused, and continue to be the best.

All The Best & Go Wolverines!

Robert E. Clark II
President of the College