To: Wesley College Family
From: Wesley College President
Date: April 14th, 2020
Subject: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – UPDATE #7

Dear Wesley College Family,

I hope you had a chance to enjoy the Easter Weekend break with your family, even if it was virtual, as well as reflect on the blessings that have been bestowed upon us in our daily lives.

We were recently notified that we have been approved for funding, and funds have been allocated, under the Payment Protection Plan (PPP), as part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, being run by the Small Business Administration. Additionally, we will also be receiving some fiscal relief under the CARES Act, as part of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. These funds will help to protect the pay and benefits of our dedicated faculty & staff, as well as allowing us to assist our students, during these unprecedented and challenging times.

The power of our social/behavioral vaccine - STAYing at HOME as much as possible, practicing social distancing 24/7, washing hands thoroughly & often, and following local, state, and national guidance – continues to significantly impede the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Never lose sight of the fact that the power to stem the spread and eventually defeat this virus continues to reside in the daily actions of each and every one of us, let’s continue to do our job, continue to do our part, and continue to do what is needed to defeat the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

All mandates issued in previous updates remain in effect unless modified in a subsequent update. Some important mandates worth repeating include:

- The Campus is closed to the public, all personnel considered non-essential, to include all students except the 22 that remain.
  - Guidance when students may return to campus to fully move out of the Residence Halls will be provided in May. Based on current State guidance, I do not expect the date to be before May 15th.

- The 22 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 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.

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

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

- 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.

- We are planning both a Virtual Commencement Celebration Ceremony in May and an On-Campus Ceremony for the Fall to celebrate the Class of 2020. Students will have the option to participate in one or both of the ceremonies. Graduating students have already been sent an email with instructions about how to participate in the Virtual Commencement Celebration this May, and details about the Fall ceremony on campus will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Academic Affairs.

Please continue to regularly check your Wesley email as well as the College’s website for the most up to date information and guidance on our Coronavirus (COVID-19) page on our website – [https://wesley.edu/coronavirus-covid-19-information](https://wesley.edu/coronavirus-covid-19-information) - stay informed & stay safe!

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.

Here is a quote from a motivational speaker, Mr. Wayne Dyer, that is worth reflecting on – “Be miserable. or motivate yourself. Whatever has to be done, it’s always your choice.”

All The Best & Go Wolverines!

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President of the College