To:     Wesley College Family
From:     Wesley College President
Date:     April 28th, 2020
Subject:  CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) – UPDATE #9

Dear Wesley College Family,

We enter into finals week, and the end of the academic year, in a way that no one could have imagined back in January. Additionally, the way we celebrate the great Class of 2020 will be an historical first. Nothing about this past semester has been normal, or optimal, but it has truly been extraordinary how so many – students, faculty, staff, alumni, community leadership & neighbors, and Board members – have risen to the challenge and done everything in their individual and collective power to create as much as possible, a sense of calm and normalcy. The Coronavirus (COVID-19) may have altered our way of life, but in no way did it dampen our Wolverine spirit. In fact, it made us stronger!

I wish you all the best on your final papers and exams. Remember, if you have any issues that arise during this stressful period, please reach out to your instructors and to your advisor. They are your best resources for resolving any issues you may be having. You can also reach out to the Registrar’s Office at registrars@wesley.edu.

In addition to all mandates issued in previous updates that remain in effect, below are additional mandates that go into effect immediately and remain in effect until further notice:

- The select few essential personnel that remain on campus must wear a face covering whenever transiting through campus buildings, when in a room with somebody else, actively involved with maintenance inside a campus building, involved with food preparation/delivery, or outside when at least six feet of social separation cannot be guaranteed.
- Only two individuals may utilize an elevator at any given time and face coverings must be worn, and at least six feet of social separation must be maintained.
- Review, understand, and comply with the Governor’s recent order that went into effect this morning, and is included on our Coronavirus (COVID-19) page on our website - https://governor.delaware.gov/health-soe/thirteenth-state-of-emergency/.
  - To summarize - all individuals must wear a face covering, except where doing so would inhibit that individual’s health, while in the following places:
    - when they are a rider on public transportation, or a paratransit vehicle, taxi, private car service or ride-sharing vehicle;
    - when they are a customer of any business, including, but not limited to, grocery stores, convenience stores, supermarkets, laundromats, and restaurants, both inside the business and when waiting in line outside;
• when they are obtaining services at any healthcare provider, including, but not limited to, hospitals, medical clinics and offices, special care facilities, medical laboratories, dentists, pharmacies, blood banks and blood drives, or facilities providing veterinary care and similar healthcare services for animals—unless directed otherwise by the healthcare provider;
• when they are in an outdoor public area, including state parks and golf courses, if maintaining social distancing of six (6) feet between individuals of different households is impracticable; or
• when they are in any public area and are feeling sick, coughing, or sneezing.

Note: A “face covering” means a soft cloth or fabric covering that fully covers a person’s nose and mouth, not a medical-grade mask. The term “face covering” includes, without limitation, scarves and bandanas. The face covering should be comfortable, so that the wearer can breathe comfortably through the nose and does not have to adjust it frequently, so as to avoid touching the face. As long as medical grade masks such as N95 masks and surgical masks are in short supply, members of the public should not purchase those masks as face coverings under this Order; those medical grade masks should be reserved for health care providers and first responders. Remember that a face covering will not provide protection from getting the virus, but if you are asymptomatic (not showing signs but have the virus) a face covering will limit the dispersal of the virus if you cough or talk – it helps to protect others and mitigate the spread.

For those of you taking summer classes, many of which begin on May 4th, be sure to check the ‘Updates from the Registrar’ on the COVID-19 Information webpage. Important information about summer payments and add/drop deadlines can be found there. Additionally, several of you have reached out regarding textbook returns, and the following information is provided to assist you:

Returning Rented Textbooks

2. Hover on “Textbooks” and select “Textbook Rentals”.
3. Scroll down and then click on the “Rental Return” link (bottom right).
4. A new screen will appear and students will fill in the open areas.
5. Once all the information has been filled in, students will receive a printable UPS Shipping Label (free) to then tape onto the box for return.

Selling back Textbooks

1. Students need to go to the main Barnes & Noble website: https://www.barnesandnoble.com/
2. Hover on “Textbooks” and select “Sell Your Textbooks”. https://www.barnesandnoble.com/textbook/textbook-buyback.jsp
3. Students will need to type in the ISBN number from the back of each textbook and then click on “Click Quote”.
4. Once all the information has been filled in, students will receive a printable UPS Shipping Label (free) to then tape onto the box for return.

Distribution has commenced from the approved federal funds discussed in previous updates – from two components of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act, specifically, the Payment Protection Plan (PPP), and the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. Both 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.

**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).

I hope you and your families remain safe and healthy at home as we navigate this new normal, and for the thought of the day I will share a quote from Behavioral Scientist & Author, Mr. Steve Maraboli, that is worth reflecting on – “Never confuse someone else’s inability to do something with its inability to be done.”

All The Best & Go Wolverines!

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