



Office of the President

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

March 12, 2020

Dear Lumberjack community,

As communicated yesterday, the outbreak of COVID-19 is fluid and continues to warrant the attention and flexibility of each of us as we work together to keep our students, faculty, staff, and communities safe and healthy. As students prepare for spring break, we are implementing a number of measures to ensure we continue to deliver the high-quality education our students need to keep them on track for graduation, as well as focus on the health and safety of our NAU community.

Travel:

- All non-essential university-sponsored international travel and domestic travel outside of Arizona is suspended until further notice.
- Personal travel outside of Arizona, both domestic and international, is strongly discouraged. We urge travelers to carefully consider their intended destinations for personal trips and check on restrictions or quarantine measures that may be recommended or required by the CDC upon arrival or return.
- All faculty-led study abroad programs through May are canceled.
- We are requesting that all students and faculty currently in programs in other countries immediately return to the United States.

Academic Instruction:

- **Effective Monday, March 23, NAU will transition classes to online instruction for at least two weeks**, at which time we will re-evaluate and provide direction for the remainder of the semester. NAU has a long history of online education, and we will leverage that expertise to meet the challenges posed by COVID-19.
- Additional information will be provided in the coming days, including specific instructions for faculty, staff, and students. Students in clinical programs will be contacted directly by the College of Health and Human Services.

Campus Operations:

- The NAU mountain campus will remain open and operational, and NAU employees will continue to perform their job duties. This includes university housing, computer labs, food service, Campus Health Services, research labs, and all other units across the university.
- NAU is working closely with our community college partners and local officials regarding statewide campus operations. Any changes in operational status will be communicated directly to faculty, staff, and students at these locations.

Events:

- Campus events and programs are being reviewed to ensure the health and safety of participants. Notices about changes will be communicated on an ongoing basis.

As our NAU community prepares for spring break, we again encourage you to stay close to NAU and enjoy the benefits of Arizona. Residence halls remain open, along with campus dining options and the numerous benefits and amenities of the Flagstaff community.

We continue to consult with federal, state, and local agencies and health care partners as we make decisions around the rapidly changing landscape related to COVID-19.

I am thankful for the contributions of our faculty and staff, who are working diligently to continue to deliver a high-quality education and provide essential services to our students. We are committed to our students' success and to ensuring a successful completion of the spring semester.

We will provide regular updates via email and on our website: nau.edu/coronavirus.

Sincerely,



Rita Hartung Cheng
President