

# MURRAY STATE COLLEGE COVID-19 UPDATE ALERT March 20, 2020

It is the end of our spring break week, and I am writing with an updated summary of our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. It is important to note that during this rapidly evolving situation, Murray State will continue serving its students. Delivery methods may be altered, but there is no change in our commitment to student success and productivity.

While there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 reported in our service area, we must be vigilant and do our part to protect all. We are working to reduce the number of individuals on campus and reduce the possibility of potential exposure to COVID-19.

With the goal of preserving health for all, Murray State College will move to

**ALL  
ONLINE COURSE DELIVERY FOR THE  
REMAINDER OF SPRING SEMESTER 2020.**

**Please note the following information and refer to [mscok.edu](https://mscok.edu) for detailed information:**

- Current online students will proceed as usual on March 23.
- Courses previously offered using face-to-face and hybrid delivery will be transitioned to online instruction beginning March 30.
- May commencement will not take place as scheduled. Alternatives will be considered, input requested and decisions announced.

## **RESIDENTIAL HOUSING**

This is a difficult decision, but we strongly encourage all residential-housing students **NOT** to return to campus this semester to protect the health of our campus community. Students without other housing options may remain on campus and we will assist with their needs.

## **TEMPORARY REMOTE OPERATION PLAN**

Murray State will implement a Temporary Remote Operation Plan. This plan will be in effect as long as necessary to respond to challenges of COVID-19.

- Remote operation does not apply to all positions and job functions. In consultation with supervisors, administration recommends that employees perform their work at home as long as remote work does not compromise college operations.
- For those employees who have job functions that cannot be performed at home, supervisors will work with employees to develop individualized plans. If you are sick, please contact your supervisor as soon as possible.

## **PUBLIC ACCESS TO CAMPUS**

Effective immediately, Murray State College is temporarily restricting access of the general public to all buildings in all locations. All events either college-related or initiated by external groups, are suspended until further notice.

Murray State will continue to monitor and revise its plan based on the changing environment or as required by external entities. The Office of the President will continue to provide periodic updates and encourages all to visit the [mscok.edu](http://mscok.edu) website for updates.

These actions are drastic, but required and consistent with guidelines/directives of state and federal officials to help protect the health of our campus and community partners. Details are available at [mscok.edu](http://mscok.edu).

Let's stand together and do all we can to reduce the spread of COVID-19 (CDC-Steps to Protect Yourself).

Thank you for your cooperation and support,

*Joy McDaniel*