



Clarion University Coronavirus Response

Update March 20, 2020

Dear campus community:

Yesterday afternoon, Gov. Tom Wolf ordered that all “non-life-sustaining” businesses in Pennsylvania – including colleges and universities – must close. We have been working with the PASSHE Office of the Chancellor to make sure that the plan we shared Wednesday, March 18, regarding telecommuting meets the governor’s mandate.

Our plan is compliant and we will stay the course.

The safety and well-being of our students and employees remains the focus of our efforts. We have already moved all instruction and student-facing services to non-face-to-face modalities. I am so proud of this campus; in a very condensed time, we were able to meet the educational needs of our students through remote work amid this public health crisis.

We know that there are students who depend on us for their living arrangements. Nearly all of our students have left our on-campus housing; those who were permitted to remain due to extenuating circumstances will continue to receive life-sustaining services – food, shelter and security.

The State System has confirmed with the governor’s office and the Department of Education that because of this critical function we cannot shut down our physical operations in their entirety, but we will continue to implement our plan to ensure that all who can be placed on remote work will do so by 5 p.m. today.

As a reminder, if you were notified that you will work remotely, please remember that you can only return to campus with the approval of your supervisor, who will then seek permission of the appropriate vice president. Only those employees required to perform life-sustaining functions or critical to continuity of operations should remain on campus.

I’m proud of how all of you have responded to this health crisis. Across the board, you have ensured that Clarion University will stand tall.

Keep calm, safe and connected, and encourage our students to keep studying!

Dr. Dale