

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update: March 10, 2020

We continue to engage diligently with conversations around the spread of the COVID-19 virus. To date, we have not had any known cases of the virus reported by our students, faculty, staff, or students in any campus facilities or centers, including Huntington, Fort Wayne, or Peoria, AZ.

Next week, March 15-20, all University sites will be on spring break. We are carefully monitoring local, state, and national health updates to determine any steps beyond our break. We are canceling all international campus-sponsored spring break and spring semester trips from now until May. This decision was primarily based on the risk of students, faculty, and staff having to navigate any exposure to the virus while traveling away from home and family, as well as access to familiar health professionals and protocols.

Currently, faculty are preparing to be ready, if needed, to use our university's learning management system, Moodle, to provide distance learning instruction for all academic courses. The faculty will continue to work with the academic dean's office to plan and coordinate any disruptions in our residential schedule. Students who are currently enrolled in fully online programs should not experience any changes at this time. Students in clinical practicums, external internships, or student teaching assignments will be notified by their program coordinator or instructor if there is a change in participation, practice, or procedure. At this point, student athletic teams will continue to participate in practices and games, with coaches and athletic administration closely supervising next steps.

We are asking our campus community to continue to monitor the campus website, email, and campus alert systems throughout next week to see if any further actions will need to be taken. We will make a next decision, no later than Thursday, March 19, to assist students, faculty, and staff to better prepare for their return to campus following spring break.

For Huntington, Fort Wayne, and online programs:

- Faculty should direct questions to Dr. Luke Fetters (lfetters@huntington.edu)
- Staff may contact Connie Bonner (cbonner@huntington.edu)
- Students may reach out to Ron Coffey (rcoffey@huntington.edu)

For Peoria, AZ:

- Direct all inquiries to Jeff Berggren (jberggren@huntington.edu)

You can also always reach out to campus president, Sherilyn Emberton (semberton@huntington.edu).