

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Student FAQ: March 11, 2020

Should I pack all of my academic materials for spring break? Things like my books, syllabi, etc?

We recommend that students take their materials with them if traveling back to retrieve them would be a hardship. At this point, the campus will remain open, even if classes move to an online format.

I am in a major that has hands-on labs (sciences, DMA, etc.). Will I have access to labs so that I can continue work on my projects?

Yes. Students with specialized classes involving technology will need to communicate with their instructors. Students who need access to internet or computers for online instruction will still be able to access the necessary technology via University computer labs. However, these hours may be limited to between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. to allow proper sanitization during this COVID-19 protocol.

If I choose not to stay on campus for a week or so during this crisis, will I be refunded for my meals and housing?*

If classes are moved to an online format, the University will remain open and students will still have access to the dining facility and residence halls.

What is the University's criteria for deciding to move to online classes?

If the current health conditions for our county or region make it necessary for students to not meet in face-to-face groups, the University will exercise that mode of instruction.

Will I have access to my residence hall for any period of time after spring break if we move to an online course format?*

The University will remain open and students will still have access to the dining facility and residence halls.

Will athletic events still happen if we move to an online course format?*

At this time, all teams and games will continue to meet for practice and competition.

Will the PLEX and dining facility remain open if we move to an online course format?*

If classes are moved to an online format, the University will remain open and students will still have access to the dining facility and residence halls. Hours for the PLEX may be limited to allow proper sanitization during this COVID-19 protocol.

If we move to an online course format, how will we get chapel credit?*

We have the capability for students to attend chapel through video viewing. We are working on a solution so that students who attend online chapel options receive credit.

What will happen to international students if we move to an online course format?*

No students will be displaced unless the campus is forced to close by state health agencies. If campus is forced to close by state health agencies, other alternatives will be explored.

Are there certain states I should not travel to or through based on the virus outbreak in these states?

There are states that are experiencing higher exposure to the virus. For more information, check the CDC website for any travel restrictions.

My spring break plans changed because I do not want to travel because of the virus. Am I allowed to stay on-campus?*

Yes. If you need to remain on campus during spring break due to COVID-19 restrictions, contact Student Life to inform them of your decision to remain on campus.

How will students access services on campus like ACE and counseling if we move to an online course format?*

If the University moves to an online course format, ACE would not be available in face-to-face interactions, but communication tools will remain available for student help. Counseling services would be limited to ForesterCare or telecounseling by appointment with campus counselors.

Will food service still be in operation if we move to online classes?*

The University will remain open and students will still have access to the dining facility and residence halls.

Can I still travel internationally over spring break?

Students who travel outside the country over spring break should inform their RA prior to returning to campus. A period of self-quarantine may be required depending on the current status of COVID-19 exposure in countries which were visited.

Could Huntington University actually close?

Only if required by state or local health agencies. The University desires to remain open and students will still have access to the dining facility and residence halls.

What if I have student teaching, fieldwork, or an internship if we move to an online course format?*

Students involved in fieldwork should consult the faculty member overseeing their fieldwork to best understand how to complete the requirements. You should consult with your internship site to see if there are any restrictions for the site based on the COVID-19 protocols. If you are a student teacher, you should stay in contact with the school you are assigned to see if they are moving to online instruction.

***This question applies only to the Huntington, Indiana, campus.**