

Dear GCU students, faculty, staff and parents:

After carefully monitoring the spread of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the recent developments that are impacting the entire country, Grand Canyon University has been working diligently to ensure we are protecting the health and well-being of our campus community. Although there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at GCU at this time, we have made the following decisions today as it relates to spring semester classes:

- Classes on the Phoenix campus will continue as scheduled through Friday, March 13.
- Spring Break for GCU traditional students occurs the week of March 16-20, during which time there are no classes.
- **Following Spring Break, all but a few classes on our Phoenix campus will continue in the online-only LoudCloud environment for the remaining four weeks of the spring semester.** Additional details will be available in each student's individual LoudCloud classroom before classes resume on March 23. Students in the few select classes that will need some face-to-face experience will be contacted by their Student Services Counselor directly by the end of the day on Friday, March 13 to discuss options.
- The Western Athletic Conference men's and women's basketball tournaments this week in Las Vegas have been canceled.
- All Spring GCU athletic events, including NCAA Division I, club and intramural sports, have been suspended. Coaches will be coordinating future activities directly with student-athletes.
- All Spring Fine Arts performances and other co-curricular activities have been suspended. Faculty/coaches will be coordinating future activities directly with impacted students.
- GCU's Facilities Department will continue its enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols throughout campus for the foreseeable future.

Students are encouraged to return to their homes to complete their coursework online. However, the GCU campus will remain open for those students who need to stay on campus. Residential students will receive a survey asking to communicate their plans. Residential housing, designated dining options, the library, Health and Wellness Clinic, counseling services, and other campus resources will remain open on a limited basis. Certain campus student-worker positions will remain open and students should check with their supervisor for additional details.

We are making this decision out of an abundance of caution in order to protect the health and well-being of our students, faculty and staff, and to make the transition as easy as possible for students who are getting ready to leave campus for Spring Break. We have been in constant contact with Maricopa County public health officials during this process and they have not yet recommended that universities in Arizona cease in-person classes. However, we felt it was prudent to make the announcement at this time before students travel for Spring Break to different parts of the country and world where COVID-19 may be more prevalent.

GCU's mandate for a 14-day quarantine period, per CDC guidelines, remains in effect. Students, faculty and staff are encouraged to evaluate their travel plans in the immediate future, especially if you plan to travel to international locations. For the most recent travel advisory from CDC, please visit the [CDC website](#).

FAQs and other information are available on GCU's [coronavirus web page](#). We encourage students and families to visit the page periodically for additional information and updates.

Additional details specific to faculty and staff are available on LopeNet, HR Service Center and through their direct supervisor.

GCU is a recognized leader and has invested heavily in online education. We are confident that we can keep our students, faculty and staff safe while simultaneously allowing our students to complete their spring semester in a high-quality learning environment. We want to thank our faculty and staff for their extraordinary efforts to support student success during this transition.

These are challenging times due to the ramifications of this rapidly evolving disease. As members of the GCU Family, we ask that you keep those whose lives are affected by COVID-19 -- including the health officials, physicians and scientists who are working to contain its spread – in your thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,
Brian Mueller
President, Grand Canyon University