

UNIVERSITY OF PIKEVILLE

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Dear UPIKE Students,

As you have likely heard, coronavirus (COVID-19) has been in the news a lot during this past week. Several universities have made changes to their schedules, and several are operating with a business as usual approach. At UPIKE, we are closely monitoring the situation and preparing for potential impacts to our campus and the surrounding community. As of this moment, there have been **no confirmed cases of COVID-19** on the UPIKE campus, in Pike County, or in Eastern Kentucky.

Here are the top four things students need to know:

1. Keep in touch with us!

- a. Please continue to monitor www.UPIKE.edu and your UPIKE email account for up-to-date information. *At this time, the University will resume its normal schedule as students return from Spring Break on Monday.*

2. Classes, Services, Housing, and Food

- a. We want to make it clear that we are not canceling any on-campus courses at this time. All residential and food services will continue operating at full capacity. Until further notice, all Academic, Student Success, and Student Support Services will continue their normal operations. Please check announcements regularly and we will keep you updated on any changes that may occur.

3. Completion of Coursework

- a. After spring break, we will have six weeks of classes remaining. The situation with COVID-19 is changing quickly. If we do have to rapidly convert on-campus courses into an online format, we will do everything possible to support you as students during the transition.

4. Are you feeling sick or have you travelled to an area where COVID-19 is common?

- a. Please complete the following form to let us know: [Click Here To Report Illness](#)
- b. This form will be sent to Residence Life, Campus Nurse, and Student Success. Our Team will contact your faculty and coaches regarding your condition and/or travel history. Cover coughs and sneezes; throw away used tissues; and wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds.

If you have questions regarding campus services, please communicate with us. Email is always a great way to ask questions. If there is an emergency or pressing concern, [please do not hesitate to call](#). Consider reviewing the frequently asked questions related to these developing events which is attached below.

Sincerely,



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