

INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE UNIVERSITY HEALTH AND SAFETY TASK FORCE

Given the confirmation of a positive COVID-19 case for someone who had worked on campus, and the continued directives of our federal, state, and local government, the following new regulations by the Health and Safety Task Force have been approved today, Wednesday, March 18, 2020:

- **All non-essential personnel are REQUIRED to work remotely until April 3, 2020.** We will re-evaluate at that time. This is effective immediately for all non-essential personnel. If you do not know whether or not you are an essential personnel then you are not. Exceptions can only be made by the approval of a member of the President's Cabinet or the President's office. Your supervisor will assist you in managing your work.
- **The GC and LRC (along with all other academic buildings) will be closed—completely—beginning at 5:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, March 18, 2020.** You can only work in these buildings with express permission. If you have things you need from your offices, please retrieve them today. Access to all buildings will be restricted and security will be on duty to assist you in an emergency or if you are required to be at your office. Your ID card will not work for entry. The phone number for security is 918-495-7750 if you need assistance.
- Any instruction on campus for classes must take place in the GLC and be scheduled with Mike Mathews' team. To schedule the GLC, please email Mike at mmathews@oru.edu. For all technology-related questions, please email helpdesk@oru.edu or call 918-495-6315. We will be cleaning the GLC multiple times a day, providing hand sanitizer, and adhering to best practices of physical distancing. By controlling this one space, we will be able to use our resources and capabilities to the maximum and will not have to focus severe cleaning efforts on other areas of campus. We believe this is the safest option and the GLC is best equipped for this moment.
- **ORU will transition all residential classes to a virtual meeting format through D2L beginning March 23 and continuing through the end of the semester.** Professors will post assignments, share videos and/or messages with their students to assist them through the end of the semester. It is important to note that this is a continuation of present residential classes, with the format of the instruction and work being completed through D2L. Plans for labs and clinicals, etc. will be communicated from the professor to the student. Flexibility will be encouraged and embraced in every way possible. Finals, final projects, end of semester papers, reports, etc. will be facilitated remotely and will be scheduled by the class professor. The academic calendar will remain the same.
- Dorms and cafeteria will remain open but students are encouraged to use the takeout option in the cafeteria and to physically distance (at least 6 feet apart) while in the dining hall. ORU has taken many important steps such as using hospital-grade disinfectant, setting up many hand-sanitization stations, and increased cleaning efforts across campus.

Students/ Employees Entering or Returning to Campus from Spring Break

- **Important: No student or employee will be allowed to return to campus for the next two weeks without checking in with security and being screened. Students and employees who leave campus to go elsewhere in Tulsa will also be required to check in with security upon return.** This policy begins at 12:00 midnight this evening, March 18, 2020. All students and employees who have traveled abroad for spring break or who traveled to Florida, New York, California, or Washington state will be required to self-isolate for two weeks before coming to campus or have a physician's release. No one will be permitted on campus if they are exhibiting any symptoms of illness, or if members of their family are. No visitors will be allowed during these two weeks.
- Students are strongly encouraged to go home or remain at home through April 3 and to self-isolate during this moment when our nation is trying to blunt the effects of the virus. If you remain on campus, then we suggest you practice physical distancing and not congregate in groups of any size and absolutely no more than 10. You may visit oru.edu/campus-health for the latest Health and Safety Information at any time. The ORU Health and Safety Task Force will continue to communicate important information to our community.
- As always, if the media contacts you, please refer them to Stephanie Hill, University Relations, at 918-720-5548.

We realize that these measures are austere. As this is a fast-moving situation, we are prepared to make new policies and procedures quickly to best protect our entire community. Please continue to check your ORU email address for communications as well as oru.edu. The health of our students, faculty, and staff is our highest concern during this pandemic. The next few weeks are critical for our nation and our city. Thank you for your cooperation, patience and continued prayers during this time. This community is being covered in continual prayer.