



March 19, 2020

Dear GV Community,

We would like to share some important information about campus operations with you as the COVID-19 situation continues to escalate. In an effort to safeguard our Grand View community and manage the risk of exposure to the virus, we will reduce staffing in campus offices to minimal levels and further restrict access to various campus facilities.

Our priorities in the next few weeks include completing the academic year with academic integrity and ensuring the success of all our students. While many year-end events have been canceled, we are working on making sure we end this school year on a positive note.

Because the State of Iowa has ordered that all fitness centers close for 30 days, we have closed the Johnson Wellness Center. We have also closed the Student Center to the public, but all members of the GV community will continue to have access with their ID cards. Dining will transition to "grab and go." Access to academic buildings will also be limited, but faculty will have the ability to meet one-on-one with students, taking appropriate social-distancing precautions. The Library will remain open to members of the campus community, but some services may be limited. Administrative offices in the Humphrey Center will remain minimally staffed, but will be available for students and visitors to conduct business by appointment and/or following other precautionary measures. *More information on accessing services will follow.*

Many students have asked about Commencement, but with the date a little over a month away we are doubtful that a public celebration of our graduates will be possible. Because Commencement is such a special time, we will be communicating with graduating students to ask them about their preference for alternative options.

As more cases are detected in the Des Moines area and people return from spring break, we will advise the campus community regarding assessing and managing the risk of exposure. More information will be forthcoming.

Our leadership team continues to meet regularly to manage daily developments in the best interest of our campus community. I am deeply grateful for your patience and understanding, and I remain hopeful that we will return to normal operations soon.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kent Henning". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

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