

March 16, 2020

Dear GV Community,

Considering the changing recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, evidence of community spread in the Des Moines metropolitan area, and other actions at the state and local level, it is difficult to see a path that will enable us to reconvene in-person classes in early April. Therefore, today we decided to finish Spring Term in social distancing mode, with online instruction continuing through the end of the semester.

Earlier today, the NAIA cancelled all spring sports for the remainder of the season (see update on the [GV website](#)). While this is very disappointing to our student-athletes, the action is consistent with nationwide efforts to slow the spread of the virus.

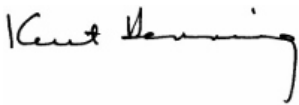
Campus housing and dining services, however, will remain open for those who need it. We recognize that, for many of our students, campus housing is their primary residence. Many of our students' own financial situations require them to maintain their full- or part-time employment in the local area. Therefore, students may remain in campus housing, but we highly encourage those who have no need to remain on campus to return to their primary residence. For those who will move out, please watch for further information from Student Life regarding when and how to move your belongings. For those who must stay, food service options will continue with certain safety modifications.

Following guidance from public health officials, we are very likely to restrict access to other facilities that are not essential to the continuation of our academic term. Examples include our workout facilities and other large gathering spaces. Please watch for further announcements and postings.

With these modifications, Grand View University remains open for business. We are implementing plans to make sure office functions and student support services will continue in a manner that is as safe as we can make them. For example, until further notice the Library will remain open for the Grand View community as long as Library users practice social distancing, but will be closed to outside visitors.

As is true across the country, our response to the COVID-19 pandemic is and must remain fluid. Please continue to check our website for additional information. We will also send out additional email communications as developments occur.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation,



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