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All Brenau campuses to move to digital learning and support beginning March 23

In order to protect the health and safety of the Brenau University campus community, we will suspend on-ground classes **March 16-20**. Beginning **Monday, March 23**, we will shift to an online learning and support process.

The decision was made by university officials out of an abundance of caution and following the World Health Organization on Wednesday offering necessary guidance and labeling the novel coronavirus outbreak a worldwide pandemic.

On-ground classes, experiential learning, including internships and clinicals, will continue through **tomorrow, Friday, March 13**. If possible, we ask faculty to provide alternative ways for students to satisfy these requirements. Classes will be taught online starting **Monday, March 23**, at all campuses and levels. Current online courses will continue uninterrupted.

Faculty and most staff are asked to work remotely beginning **Monday, March 23**. Your area supervisor will determine if you need to report to work on campus. This practice will be in place until further notice.

If you are working remotely, follow normal work protocols and report to work at your usual times. If you're sick, please use wellness time. Otherwise, continue your work remotely.

In order to mitigate possible exposure to the virus, all students who can leave campus will be required to leave. The university will assist students as they transition from campus to home no later than **Sunday, March 22**. For those students who need to remain on campus, a waiver request is available, and we will do our best to provide them with individual single rooms.

Beginning **tomorrow, March 13**, Gainesville day students are asked to visit the Trustee Library for fall registration and residential check out. The check-out process is necessary for both residential and commuter students. There is a checklist for them, which will include their fall schedule. Residential students also have the opportunity to arrange a prorated refund at that time. All other students should follow the registration schedule for fall summer/semester.

Effective immediately, faculty, staff and student-only events through the remainder of the semester are canceled. All Gainesville community events scheduled to be held on Brenau Gainesville campuses through **April 3** are canceled. Future Gainesville community events will be evaluated on a weekly basis beginning Monday, March 16.

Please direct any questions to your immediate supervisor or vice president. Thank you for your understanding as we do our best to keep our community healthy during this time.

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