Dear Students,

Yesterday (March 12th) President McCulloh announced the University’s decision to extend Spring Break because of the rapidly evolving situation regarding the novel coronavirus (COVID-19). In his message, he requested that students not make plans to return to their on-campus residence hall until further notice, which will be no later than March 18th. As we navigate through this situation, we appreciate everyone’s patience and flexibility. Please know that our number one priority is always the safety and well-being of all our students.

As you might expect, prior to and then following this announcement, we have received numerous questions related to campus housing. I want to assure you that we are working diligently and throughout this weekend – even as new information becomes available – to develop a plan of action for campus housing, dining, and activities for consideration by President McCulloh early next week.

In his March 12th message, President McCulloh also expressed this sentiment: “For those unable to go home to an off-campus location, we will continue to support students in our campus housing and dining facilities.” This has not changed, and the spirit that informs it has not changed. At this time, campus services remain operational; we are committed to supporting our students, and we will do our best to create an environment where every student is able to be successful in their academic endeavors.

As is our ordinary protocol during Spring Break, you should know that we have not turned off ZagCard access to any building.

Given these unusual circumstances, we understand that some students may choose to move out of their residence; if you wish to move out of your residence we ask that you please contact the Housing Office at 509-313-4103 for instructions. We are open from 8:00 am – 4:30 pm during the week and will reply to you as soon as possible if you leave a message.

If Gonzaga is able to continue providing on-campus housing for students taking online courses, information about moving back into your room will be made available.

For Students Currently Living On Campus

If you are currently on-campus, we expect all residents to understand our need to do everything in our power to protect our community by practicing behaviors designed to mitigate any spread of the virus. To date we have no known positive cases of the virus on campus, and to the extent of our ability we want to keep it that way. During this interim period, we will implement a ‘no tolerance’ policy with regard to disruptive conduct or conduct that is in violation of the Student Code of Conduct. Residence Life staff and Campus Public Safety and Security will continue to have a supportive and protective 24 hour presence in our campus facilities.

We understand that you may still have questions and ask that you contact the Housing Office at 509-313-4103 or housing@gonzaga.edu. We will respond to the best of our ability, acknowledging that during this turbulent time, you may need to wait until we have a clear answer. We will send another message following President McCulloh’s March 18th communication to the Gonzaga community.

As our office receives questions, we will update our website and social media platforms with FAQs. We thank you for your patience and understanding. Gonzaga University will also continue to update the coronavirus information webpage; please refer to this page for updates to questions unrelated to Housing & Residence Life.

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