

Follow up: Information related to Spring Break, Housing, Dining, and the Coronavirus

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Students,

Yesterday, President Van Horn and other leaders announced the University will observe its planned spring break next week, and that all instruction during the two weeks of March 23 – April 3 will occur as on-line only instruction.

Housing:

We previously announced the Residence Halls will stay open during Spring Break. During the two-week online instruction period, please know the Residence Halls will stay open continuously during the two-week online class-instruction period. Students are welcome to stay, or not.

Here is our request of you. If you are staying in the residence halls, do nothing. You don't need to tell us. We do ask that you swipe in when you're coming in the building (even if a friend lets you in, swipe it. It helps us know how many people are there).

If you're going home or if you're crashing with a friend or if you are already an off-campus student, please answer [this short survey](#). Nothing is binding, but again it helps us know roughly where you are.

As a reminder, with the reduced number of people, your belongings may be more compromised if you leave your door unlocked, and windows that are left open can cause pipes to burst, so please don't do that. Ask if you have questions.

Dining:

Hours during March 16 – 20:	Lunch in the cafeteria, 12:00 – 1:00 pm two different meals available – buy both and have one for lunch and (reheat) one for dinner.
Sunday, March 22:	Dinner, 5:30 – 6:30 pm.
Monday, March 23 – Friday March 27	Cafeteria open 8:30 am to 1:00 pm Get a hot breakfast or a hot lunch AND buy a (reheat) dinner for later.
Sat and Sun March 28 and 29	Cafeteria open 11:00 am to 12:00 pm only (take-away meals for dinner available)

Monday, March 30 – Friday April 3	Cafeteria open 8:30 am to 1:00 pm Get a hot breakfast or a hot lunch AND buy a (reheat) dinner for later.
Sat and Sun April 4 and 5	Cafeteria open 11:00 am to 12:00 pm only (take-away meals for dinner available)
Dinner, April 5	TBD

As a reminder, there will be a take-away dinner meal available for students to take and heat in their rooms, all seven days between March 16 and April 5.

During the next three weeks, the snack bar will be closed. The menu from the snack bar will be available in the cafeteria. Made-to-order grill items will be a part of the menu. We will reassess our success in integrating the snack bar menu into the main facility over the break period and reach a decision about how services are delivered for the month of April after this time.

Payment: if you have a meal plan, we've modified our schedule with the vendor and your meal points will work as normal over spring break. Clearly these points also work during the two-week online-only instruction period. If you do not normally have a meal plan but would like to have access to meals as described, please contact Dr. Powell in CC 106.

As a reminder, the best information we have related to the Coronavirus is from the **Centers for Disease Control** (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention.html>).

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus.

The virus is thought to spread mainly from person-to-person.

- Between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).
- Through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes.
- Practice [Social Distancing](#)

Take steps to protect yourself:

- Clean your hands often
- Avoid close contact, especially with those known to be ill.

Take steps to protect others:

- **Stay home** if you are sick, except to get medical care.
- **Cover coughs and sneezes**
- **If you are sick:** You should wear a facemask when you are around other people (e.g., sharing a room or vehicle) and before you enter a healthcare provider's office. Note that facemasks are not thought to be effective at keeping you from getting the COVIT-19 virus if you are in contact with someone who is a carrier.
- **Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.** This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.

