



A Message
from the **PRESIDENT**

Anthony L. Jenkins, Ph.D.

Dear Yellow Jacket Nation:

With the ongoing spread of the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, and with additional guidance from the federal Centers for Disease Control (CDC) as well as state government and local health officials, West Virginia State University is implementing several changes to protect the health and wellbeing of our students, faculty and staff for the remainder of the spring semester.

Classes will not resume on Wednesday, March 25. Instead, beginning Monday, March 30, and for the remainder of the semester, all face-to-face classes will be delivered remotely utilizing alternative learning options. These options will vary from class to class and may include online, email, or other means. Students currently taking online courses should continue to do so with no change or disruption to their courses.

Students will be receiving additional information directly from their faculty member regarding class delivery method, assignments and expectations. These instructions will be coming to students' official wvstateu.edu email accounts, and all are encouraged to check your University email accounts regularly for important updates and information.

Residential students who have left campus for spring break are not required to return to campus, and we advise those resident students to not return to campus, if possible. If you choose not to return to the residence halls this semester, please contact the [Office of Housing and Residence Life](#) to arrange a time to retrieve your personal belongings. All residence halls will be securely locked. For residential students who are leaving the residence halls, we are working to develop a financial solution and will follow up with those affected in late April.

If you need to return or remain on campus because you have no other alternative, the University will work with you; however, please know that space and services will be extremely limited. At this time the Goldston Dining Hall, Keith Café, Chopped & Wrapped and BRB are closed until further notice. "To-Go Meals" will be available for pick-up outside of the Goldston Dining Hall at the cashier's stands during posted hours.

Through the end of the spring semester, all campus events and programs, both internal and external, including athletic competitions, are cancelled. We have also made the difficult decision to cancel our May 9 commencement exercises. Our graduating seniors will be invited to participate in our December commencement exercises, and we will look forward to your return to campus.

Only employees who are deemed crucial to carry out the needed functions and safety of the University will be permitted on campus. All others will work remotely from home, effective Monday, March 23. Your supervisor will be in contact to develop a work plan.

The University has established a webpage with more information about COVID-19, and I

encourage you to check it on a regular basis at www.wvstateu.edu/coronavirus. In addition, please continue to monitor your University email account for updates, and if you have not already done so, enroll in the University's emergency notification system in [MyState](#).

These steps to protect the Yellow Jacket Nation are born out of this unprecedented time in which we find ourselves. During this time, I ask that we continue to support one another and follow the CDC's [guidelines](#) on health, safety and social distance. The Yellow Jacket Nation is a strong and caring community, and together we will get through this and become even stronger.

I will provide further updates as they are available.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Anthony L. Jenkins".

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