



September 3, 2020

Dear Fellow Yellow Jackets:

First, I would like to thank you for your diligence in wearing your masks both inside and outside of the residence halls. Your adherence to the social distancing guidelines set by the Center for Disease Control, the State of West Virginia and West Virginia State University are the reason that classes are still in session as we speak. This is one of the many reasons why you are the best residential students in the United States.

We have now started our fourth week of class. The adjustments you've made have not been easy but it has been a group effort. But, the goal is to continue to remain on campus, which will require commitment from every single member of our residential community. We can all help minimize the spread of COVID-19 through:

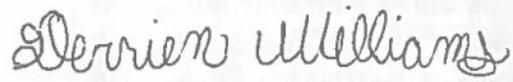
1. Wearing your mask when you are outside of your individual space.
2. Practicing social distancing protocols of six-foot spacing.
3. Frequently washing your hands and using hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes.
4. Performing the temperature checks before entering the buildings.
5. Avoiding social gatherings of more than 25 people.

In addition, please continue to follow the signage for one-way entry and exit when entering and leaving the residence halls. Signage has been placed on the doors and floors of each building. In all residence halls, students should adhere to the posted signs. Students should use the elevators to access their floor and rooms and the stairwells to exit the residence halls. The maximum capacity for elevator occupancy at all times is two people. In addition, please ensure that you are adhering to the no visitation policy for non-residential students. Your health, safety and well-being is of the utmost importance to us. As a result, any person(s) who do not reside on campus in our residence halls will be not be allowed in the building for any reason. This does not apply to campus contractual and or institutional service providers.

The year 2020 has presented us with many challenges. But, it has also shown us how resilient and strong we can be. Together as a University family, we will get through this and you will reap the ultimate reward when you walk across that stage holding your degree from WVSU.

Thank you for your efforts and attentiveness.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Derrien Williams". The signature is written in black ink on a light-colored background.

Derrien Williams  
Director of Housing and Residence Life