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## Vice President & Chancellor

WASHINGTON STATE UNIVERSITY  
HEALTH SCIENCES SPOKANE

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Dear Colleagues,

As the end of spring break approaches, in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, I want to reiterate how important it is to me to keep an open line of communication with you. Without you, there is no us-you are critical to our mission to contribute to healthier people and communities.

Recent information that impacts faculty and staff:

- Many faculty and staff are teleworking, but essential areas remain staffed. Please continue to follow your college or area's guidance on working remotely. WSU Human Resource Services (HRS) also offers [this helpful resource page](#) with information on leave and work options.
- HRS also provided an [update](#) specific to use of accrued sick leave to care for children home from school.
- Students will be learning virtually upon their return from spring break. Students have been advised to continue to follow instructions regarding their physical locations as communicated by their respective colleges.
- The campus is still open, yet a number of mitigation efforts are currently in place that are meant to help protect you.
  - Buildings are unlocked from 7:30 am - 5:30 pm, Monday through Friday. You will need your WSU ID for after-hours access.
  - Spokane Academic Library in SAC is accessible 24 hours, but only with WSU ID. The library remains staffed from 7:30 am

- 5:00 pm on weekdays, with no staffing on Saturday and Sunday. Capacity is limited to 50 people or less.
- Fresh Plate Café is offering carry-out and is open daily from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- We are in close communication with the WSU system regarding commencement and convocation planning and will share any announcements with you.

Also, I encourage all of you to participate in the system-wide, online [COVID-19 Town Hall on March 27](#). This is a prime opportunity to get your questions answered regarding what's next for the University.

Your health and well-being remain our priority. If you are feeling sick, please stay home.

Lastly, although we have no confirmed cases of COVID-19 on campus, we have received questions about how we will handle them, should they occur. Please know that we will work in tandem with the WSU system and public health to respond as needed and in compliance with federal privacy laws.

I know this is a difficult time, filled with a lot of unknowns. Please remember we are here for you, even if it can't be in person.

Sincerely,



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