



*Office of the President*

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Dear Colleagues,

Yesterday, our campus crisis response team, nursing program director, and health clinic director met for the second time to address the implications of COVID 19.

We are actively monitoring information and guidance from the CDC, SACSCOC, and many higher education associations.

We have implemented a number of strategies to address the epidemic, and we have made plans to address future contingencies.

We are in close contact with our peers, sharing information and strategy.

You may have noticed the many postings across campus that stress appropriate hygiene and encouraging students, faculty, and staff to remain in their residence if they are ill. Absence policies have been adapted to remove any barriers. Academic policy will be adapted with SACSCOC guidance to insure the opportunity to complete coursework. Our facilities team is sanitizing surfaces throughout the day that regularly come into human contact. Should we identify a resident student who has contracted the virus the CDC recommends that they be isolated on campus. We have identified, and planned for, all of the necessary contingencies should isolation be required.

This is a dynamic situation and we will be communicating on a regular basis both to respond to current realities and plan for possible scenarios.

Finally, please address any questions regarding the institutions response to COVID 19 to Dr. Daniel McMasters and/or Dr. Judy Cheatham.

Also, please refrain from posting anything on social media that may misrepresent our response, and/or our students.

I refer you to our social media policy found on page 16 of our employee handbook. [https://www.martinmethodist.edu/faculty-staff/sm\\_files/Employee%20Handbook.pdf](https://www.martinmethodist.edu/faculty-staff/sm_files/Employee%20Handbook.pdf)

For the College,

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