

# FERRIS STATE UNIVERSITY

## Message to Students

Dear Bulldogs,

As we look toward July and continue preparing to have students, faculty, and staff on campus this fall we will be sending you periodic emails to share details of our student re-engagement plans.

### **Fall Semester Instructional Planning**

Today, the University announced we will begin classes as planned on Monday, Aug. 31, and will pivot to remote delivery of instruction where possible beginning Monday, Nov. 30, after Thanksgiving recess. **This transition to remote delivery after Thanksgiving will continue through Dec. 18, 2020,**

### Coronavirus Information Resources

Archive: Coronavirus Campus Updates

Governor Rescinds Safer at Home Order, Moves Michigan to Phase Four of the MI Safe Start Plan

District Health Department #10

Spectrum Health Free Virtual Screening Options

What the State of Michigan is Doing

Michigan COVID-19 Hotline

U.S. State Department Travel Advisories

CDC: After Travel Precautions

CDC Travel Guidance

CDC Guidance for  
Student Foreign Travel  
for Institutions of  
Higher Education

CDC: Novel Coronavirus  
Situation Summary

National Institutes of  
Health COVID-19

World Health  
Organization (WHO)

KCAD Coronavirus  
Website

**the last three weeks of the fall semester.** This is a part of the University's efforts to keep our community healthy and safe, to avoid a second wave of COVID-19 as we enter cold and flu season, and to help us move forward safely for the spring semester. **While most faculty will be teaching remotely after Thanksgiving, the University will remain open and operations will continue. Housing and dining services will continue to be open and available to you throughout the end of the semester. Specific information will be shared from your College later this summer regarding any courses this fall that cannot conclude remotely and will finish in-person.**

To align with guidance from U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state regulations, we are enacting new practices, policies and procedures throughout campus, including new protocols and initiatives for cleaning and disinfecting. The University has also issued the

following information regarding face coverings, enhanced cleaning and disinfectant protocols, and access by the public to University facilities, events, programs and services.

All students, faculty and staff will be required to:

- Complete a daily COVID-19 Symptom Checker.
- If you are sick, stay home.
- Wear a face covering inside University buildings and in any situation where social distancing is difficult. The University will be providing one branded, washable face mask and gaiter to all faculty, staff and students prior to the start of the school year.

Ferris State University is asking everyone to accept the responsibility of protecting themselves and others. We are all in this together.

*#FerrisForwardTogether*

**Enhanced Cleaning/Disinfecting Protocols**

Enhanced cleaning and disinfecting protocols are in place throughout campus to ensure all horizontal and vertical surfaces, along with critical touch points, will be addressed on a daily basis.

The Facilities Management and Custodial departments have put forth enhanced disinfection efforts across campus including the following spaces (but not limited to):

- Classrooms and learning spaces
- Restrooms
- Corridors and common/public spaces
- Athletic spaces including locker rooms and showers
- Residence hall entrances, corridors, public area bathrooms, laundry areas, lounges, stairwells and elevators

To support these efforts, the custodial department has introduced Electrostatic disinfecting application devices.

The electrostatic applicator gives a negative charge to the disinfecting solution as it exits the nozzle, allowing an even coat of solution that sticks to a targeted surface with 360-degree coverage.

Additionally, the department is procuring a residual polymer based molecularly bonded antimicrobial product called MicrobeCare. This solution creates a barrier that kills 99.99% of microbes, prevents mutation and minimizes the spread of viruses, bacteria, fungi, algae and yeast on a wide variety of products. MicrobeCare is safe and has recorded proven results in highly sensitive healthcare environments. The intent is to apply this product with electrostatic applicators to all touch points within buildings to include but not limited to: door handles, light switches, hand rails, table tops, chairs, computer keyboards, restroom fixtures, etc. to combat possible exposure to COVID-19.

## **The Public**

We take great pride at Ferris State in welcoming our alumni, friends, and community members to cheer on our Bulldog athletics teams, enjoy a meal in our dining facilities, and experience our art galleries, museums and cultural programming. It is very likely the majority of our facilities and programming will be unavailable to the public during the 2020-2021 academic year. The University is taking this proactive measure to protect everyone's health and safety. It is our sincere hope we can welcome everyone back onto our campuses soon. Until then, we encourage everyone to stay informed via our website and social media channels, engage with us virtually and continue to support our students as they move forward with their education.

Thank you for your continued flexibility and adaptability in these highly unusual times. Please stay tuned for additional

updates in July regarding options for course delivery, additional University health and safety expectations, and plans for Bulldog Beginnings, our annual welcome.

The health and well-being of our community remain the University's top priority. We will continue to draw from federal and state guidelines, and campus public health expertise to guide our fall plans and to protect our community. We greatly look forward to welcoming you back in August.

Please continue to stay updated via the University's [Coronavirus Campus Updates and Information website](#).

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