

AB Alderson Broaddus University

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Dear AB Family,

With our students, faculty, and staff at the center of everything we do as a University, I'd like to take the time to address concerns about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) and the steps we're taking to continue our focus on keeping our campus family safe and healthy.

A task force has been meeting and working with the Barbour County Health Department to discuss guidelines and implement recommendations made by government and public health agencies, including the State Department, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), and the World Health Organization (WHO).

At this time, we have no reason to believe that Alderson Broaddus University is at immediate risk. Still, in order to minimize any potential spread of illness, **AB will extend spring break for one week for all of our students, with academic instruction resuming—possibly in an online format—on Monday, March 23.** More specific information will be forthcoming. Students are urged not to return to campus unless absolutely necessary. Those who are currently on campus and need to remain, or those who need to return due to exigent circumstances should contact the Office of Student Affairs at studentaffairs@ab.edu or 304.457.6213.

Students who are involved in clinical rotations and clinical work will receive further guidance from the provost and academic deans. Athletic events are suspended until further notice. Student-athletes will receive further guidance from the athletic director and individual coaches.

Faculty and staff will continue to report to campus as regularly scheduled. During the week of March 16, AB will engage in planning and training for procedures that may or may not become necessary for continuing University operations during the remainder of the semester.

An official announcement about additional measures will be made on Wednesday, March 18.

We urge you to regularly check your AB email account for further updates. We will also post updates to our [website](#) and our emergency alert system as plans unfold. If you haven't already, please sign up for mobile alerts by texting "Join AB" to 30890. Any questions can be directed to covid19@ab.edu.

We understand that extending spring break creates a disruption in the semester, but please know that the overriding reason behind this decision is to do everything we can to preserve the health and safety of all members of the AB campus community and our local communities.

Sincerely,



Dr. James "Tim" Barry
President