

## Coronavirus Message to Students from March 18, 2020

Meredith students,

We continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation, and as you know from keeping up with state, national and world news, daily, if not hourly, things are changing.

Protecting the health and safety of our campus community members and their families is a top priority, followed by a steadfast commitment to your educational progress during these extraordinary times.

In light of continued guidance and directives from the White House, the CDC, and the N.C. Governor's office, we have decided that, beginning Monday, March 23, it is in the best interest of our community to move all classes online until further notice.

We must also make the difficult decision to limit the number of people on campus — both students and employees. For students, this means, beginning this weekend, we will limit the number of students who are allowed to stay on campus in the residence halls and in the Oaks until further notice. For those students with special personal circumstances, please follow the link to the [special circumstances housing form](#) to request permission to reside on campus.

We know you will have many questions about this decision, including what services will be available to you during this time, how to retrieve items you need, etc. [Here's a link to answers to some of your most pressing questions.](#)

We will continue to update you and provide more answers as decisions are made and additional information becomes available.

I recognize how disheartening this news is for many of you — no student planned for such a dramatic change in the semester or, especially for a member of the Class of 2020. But I also know you are incredibly strong, resilient, and smart. You can do this!

As always, I thank you for your strength and ingenuity as we navigate this storm.

Sincerely,  
President Jo Allen, '80  
Sent 3/18/20  
4:16 p.m.