

Update from Logan University President, Dr. Clay McDonald

March 19, 2020

Students-

First, thank you for your insightful input, cooperation and support over the last two weeks. I understand that we are making frequent updates in our communication to you, and we certainly appreciate your patience and understanding as our situation evolves due to the Coronavirus disease/COVID-19.

Second, we wanted to share two recent decisions regarding student obligations in our Health Centers and April 25 Commencement. These decisions are based on current guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, feedback from the student body and the overall concern for the safety and wellbeing of the entire Logan community.

Health Centers

As future providers, it is critical to learn and grow in the necessary knowledge to recognize serious symptoms and know when to provide care, when to refer patients, and when to call for emergency care. Consistent with local health care centers, Logan is monitoring patient health, the spread of the virus, and the best way to balance public health and individual care. Students who are currently in Trimester 7 – 10 and are either uncomfortable or unable to make it back to campus to complete their clinical requirements may request to complete their clinical hours next trimester and receive an incomplete from their clinic instructor (clinician).

While the Logan University clinics remain open, those Trimester 7 – 10 students who are able to be in clinic should make every effort to work to complete their clinical rotations; however, the decision to keep the clinics open remains fluid and is being reviewed on a daily basis in the best interest of our students, patients, workforce, and the community at large.

Please contact your clinician if you are completing your clinical rotation site. If you are completing your rotation at an off-site location, please contact Dr. Jason Goodman, Jason.Goodman@logan.edu.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Associate Provost and Dean of College of Chiropractic Dr. Joe Pfeifer, Joseph.Pfeifer@logan.edu.

April 25 Commencement

The April 25 graduation will be postponed and combined with the August 22, 2020 commencement ceremony. **Attendance is voluntary.**

After April 25, current Trimester 10 students who have completed all academic requirements to graduate will receive their transcripts and diploma in the mail. Please contact Registrar Barbara Nutt at Barbara.Nutt@Logan.edu to ensure the address we have on file is updated.

During these times of uncertainty, I understand that you may be experiencing anxiety and stress regarding these changes and the current state of the world. We have staff available to speak to you at all times. Should you need assistance, please reach out to Student Care Manager Jennifer Starks, Jennifer.Starks@logan.edu.

Please direct all other questions or concerns to News@logan.edu. We will do our best to answer promptly.

Stay well,
Clay McDonald, DC, MBA, JD

Update from Logan University President, Dr. Clay McDonald

March 18, 2020

Logan Students, Faculty and Staff-

All classes and labs will be online beginning Monday, March 23 through the rest of the trimester. More information from Academic Affairs will follow.

For those students in the St. Louis metropolitan area who don't have access to computers at home, Logan will make computers available at the Mid Rivers Health Center in St. Peters, Mo., as soon as possible. This will require scheduling and will be limited to 10 students or less at one time. More information to follow, including a point of contact for scheduling and computer access.

If you are coming back to St. Louis from areas where the Coronavirus disease/COVID-19 outbreak is concentrated (at this time, that includes New York City, San Francisco, Seattle and areas within a 100-mile radius as well all ski resorts and cruises), please take care to follow CDC guidelines and self-quarantine for two weeks, regardless of symptoms.

For students currently out of country or at home in their native country, all online materials will be made accessible to you. If you are in Trimester 7-10, you will automatically get an extension for your clinical requirements. Logan will allow you to complete your clinical rotation once you are back on campus.

Key administration, faculty and staff will be available by email and phone. Rick DeCaro, Director of Information Technology Services, will send detailed instructions on how to access contact information today.

Additional Program Cancellations and Facility Closures:

- All of Logan's weekend electives are cancelled for the next six weeks. Weekday electives will be online.
- All of Logan's postgraduate seminars are cancelled for the next six weeks.
- The Tour of the Body program is suspended for the next six weeks; Memorial Services for anatomic donors will be rescheduled.
- Any admissions-related events on-campus will be suspended for the next six weeks.
- The following facilities will be closed: The Purser Center, Wellness Center, Basic Science Building and the majority of classrooms in the Administrative Building, Student Center and the cafeteria for the next six weeks.
- The Learning Resource Center will remain open however certain sections will close, including the stacks, the Idea Room and the Bone Room; LRC personal will be available to students in-person and online.

At this time:

- The Alumni & Friends House will remain open.
- The Bookstore will remain open from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- The Montgomery and Mid Rivers Health Centers will remain open for patient care and student clinics. The requirement for participation of Trimester 7-10 students is currently under review. Health Center leadership will provide additional information about student scheduling and hours tomorrow.
- Student preceptorships and internships will continue at the discretion of that provider and facility. If completing a preceptorship or internship at this time is not possible because of closures, you will be granted an extension and Logan will assist you in finding another viable option.

We will continue to provide routine updates. Please check your email regularly and visit www.logan.edu/healthupdate for general announcements.

For questions or concerns, please email News@logan.edu.

Thank you for your patience and support,
Clay McDonald, DC, MBA, JD

Update from Logan University President, Dr. Clay McDonald

March 17, 2020

Logan Students-

With many changes coming on a daily basis from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), we are working diligently to make adjustments that will enable us to continue to provide quality education.

Online Instruction

Beginning **Monday, March 23**, all on-campus instruction for the remaining weeks of the trimester will move online. You will hear more from your course instructors on how to proceed. Additionally, we are working to bring tutoring services and additional academic support online.

Any labs that must occur will be provided on campus, but will be modified to a "lab-intensive" format and reduced in size, with no more than 10 people gathered at one time, as indicated by the CDC at this time. More information on courses, labs and final exams will be coming from Logan Academic Affairs this week.

Logan Health Centers

Our health centers, both Montgomery and Mid Rivers, provide essential portal-of-entry care to many patients, therefore, they will remain open.

Beginning Monday, March 23, 7-10 trimester students should be prepared to re-engage in clinics. More information and schedule to follow. All patients arriving at our health centers will be screened, with a temperature check and patient travel history, before being seen.

Preceptorships/Internships

Student preceptorships and internships will continue at the discretion of that provider and facility. If completing a preceptorship or internship at this time is not possible because of the provider, please contact us regarding an extension or finding another viable option.

National Board of Chiropractic Examiners

According to recent communication, the NBCE has rescheduled the March 2020 Part III & PHT Exams to May 2 and 3. All affected examinees will receive information from NBCE in the next two weeks. Students may check for additional updates at mynbce.org/examinfo.com.

Cleaning Efforts

Logan has taken additional and aggressive measures to clean and sanitize our facilities and continues to do so on a regular basis. Our cleaning meets the standards of all appropriate guidelines issued CDC.

Facility Closures and Event Cancellations

All internal and external events at the Purser Center have been cancelled through the end of the trimester. Spring Symposium has also been cancelled. Additional closures include Logan's Wellness Center, Anatomy Lab and the cafeteria, including all food services. Please be advised that we may close additional student areas and spaces on campus or designate certain areas on campus for small gatherings.

April Commencement

We understand that commencement is a significant milestone in the student journey and many students, families and friends look forward to this celebration. Logan leadership is currently in the process of discussing options for modifying commencement activities. More information to come.

Self-Reporting + Self-Quarantine

If you are immunosuppressed, have recently traveled abroad or visited areas where Coronavirus/COVID-19 is prevalent, **please self-report to Logan by contacting Dean of Students Shelley Sawalich at 636-230-1797 and take care to self-quarantine yourself for a minimum of two weeks. Please find self-quarantine tips here.**

Lastly, please stay informed of the best evidence-based information at the given time. Our website, www.logan.edu/healthupdate contains all Logan announcements and FAQs as well as information from the county, state, and national resources as well as the CDC and other reputable sources. Logan's administrative team is meeting on a regular basis to discuss any additional changes that need to be made and continue to monitor all information and guidelines regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19. We are making a conscious effort to make thoughtful decisions to safeguard the health and wellbeing of the entire Logan community.

We appreciate your patience and support as this global situation unfolds. For any questions pertaining this correspondence, please email News@logan.edu.

Stay well,
Clay McDonald, DC, MBA, JD

Update from Logan University President, Dr. Clay McDonald

March 12, 2020

Dear Logan Colleagues:

As we have communicated in the last few weeks, the University is closely watching the impact of both seasonal influenza and the global spread of the Coronavirus disease/COVID-19.

Public health agencies, including [St. Louis County Department of Health](#) and the Centers for Disease Control, are not recommending school closures, and in fact the **CDC maintains**: *"For the majority of people, the immediate risk of being exposed to the virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to be low. There is not widespread circulation in most communities in the United States."*

- I also recognize that anxiety around evolving health issues is a concern that warrants our attention and respect. So, out of an abundance of caution:
- Logan University will extend Spring Break through March 20 for on-campus students
 - Online courses continue uninterrupted.
- Public events in the Purser Center are cancelled from March 13-23
- Hare in the Air, scheduled for March 28, is cancelled

Campus offices and the library remain open. Faculty and staff will continue their regular campus routines and are accessible to students during this time. The Health Centers also will continue normal operations.

We have already discouraged non-essential travel and have increased cleaning and disinfecting procedures on campus. To that end, I remind our community of the importance of good hygiene to stay well. I encourage you to contact your personal health care provider immediately if you have signs of illness (including fever, cough, or shortness of breath).

Rest assured, University leadership is paying close attention to these illnesses, monitoring information from both the County and CDC, and will work with students, faculty and staff to accommodate related absenteeism should it occur. Please do not let concern about attendance or grades influence your decision to seek care and stay home if you are ill. If you become ill, and are tested for coronavirus, please let my office know as soon as possible by contacting [\(636\) 230-1716](tel:6362301716).

We will help protect your privacy, of course, and offer assistance however possible.

I urge you to familiarize yourself with the latest information from the [CDC](#) and from other resources posted at [Logan.edu/HealthUpdate](https://logan.edu/HealthUpdate). We are committed to providing timely and frequent communication as we learn more and navigate this situation.

Stay well,

Clay McDonald, DC, MBA, JD

March 10, 2020 | Update on the Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) Re: University Travel

We continue to closely monitor the global outbreak of the coronavirus disease. As the situation unfolds and develops, we remain committed to providing you with the latest information and university updates.

Effective immediately, all non-essential university travel is strongly discouraged between now and March 20, 2020. This includes any non-essential travel associated with the university for all faculty and staff. At that time we will reassess this interim travel policy.

As always, the health and safety of our Logan community remains our highest priority. We remind everyone to embrace our values, as many of us may manage our fears and anxiety of this situation.

For more information, please visit the Center for Disease Control <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html> or World Health Organization <https://www.who.int>

March 9, 2020 | Update on the Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

The first case of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) in the state of Missouri was identified yesterday, in St. Louis County. While not unexpected that we would have a case here as the virus has continued to spread globally and in the U.S., we understand this news may be unsettling, and want to reassure you that we are closely monitoring the situation and will provide updates to our university community as new information becomes available.

Everyone is reminded to take precautions to prevent the spread of infectious disease, including washing hands with soap and water, covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, and avoiding touching your eyes.

Further, we encourage our Logan community members to embrace our values, as many of us may manage our fears and anxiety of this situation.

For more information, please visit the Center for Disease Control

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html> or World Health

Organization <https://www.who.int>

Update on the Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

The University is closely monitoring the global spread of this virus first identified in December in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. At this point, there are no known cases in St. Louis, but there are cases in the United States and likely to be more.

We will provide updates when new information or guidance needs to be communicated. In accordance with the CDC, a travel suspension is in effect to mainland China for all university-related travel.

All community members are reminded to take precautions to prevent the spread of infectious disease, including washing hands with soap and water, covering your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, and avoiding touching your eyes.

For further information, please visit the Center for Disease Control

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html> or American Public Health Association <https://www.apha.org/>