



# **Update from Logan University Office of Financial Aid**

May 18, 2020

**Greetings Students!** 

The University has received limited funding as part of the <u>Coronavirus Aid</u>, <u>Relief</u>, <u>and Economic Security Act (CARES Act)</u>, under the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF.) If you are experiencing new expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the coronavirus, then we invite you to apply for these funds. For details and access to the application, please see the attached document.

With Best Regards,

Office of Financial Aid





## May 5, 2020

**Doctor of Chiropractic Students:** 

A few weeks ago, we could not have imagined how our lives would be disrupted by the COVID pandemic. We recognize the difficulty of this situation for the Logan community, especially our students who have exercised patience, flexibility and optimism.

That said, we wanted to inform you of some recent actions.

Though we are currently investing substantial funds in the online educational experience, we are asking the Logan Board of Trustees for a zero tuition increase for the 2020-21 year. We trust the Board will approve our request at their mid-July board meeting and will keep you informed.

If your circumstances require flexibility at this time, a program to delay one or more courses until after the pandemic allows us to resume on-campus instruction is now available. This one-time offer is being made for the spring 2020 trimester only and provides a final semester, complete tuition paid scholarship for DC students. To learn more, contact <a href="mailto:registrar@logan.edu">registrar@logan.edu</a>.

While the summer trimester will begin online, the Montgomery and MidRivers Health Centers are open and seeing patients both in person and online through Doxy, a HIPAA-compliant telehealth tool which allows our clinicians to meet with patients via video conferencing. We look forward to sharing this technology with you as it becomes an important part of our chiropractic care services.

Finally, we have fulfilled our commitment to keep all faculty and staff on the payroll with absolutely zero furloughs or employee reductions through the end of August. While this is not the case for many of our peers in higher education, we are vigilant about keeping our employees engaged and have made arrangements to allow the majority of our faculty and staff to effectively work from home.

Students, faculty, staff and patients remain our highest priority, and we are confident that the actions we are taking now is preparing Logan to emerge as an even stronger institution.

Stay well,





# **Update from Logan University Office of the Registrar**

## April 22, 2020

#### **COVID-19 Doctor of Chiropractic Scholarship**

Due to current events related to the COVID-19 pandemic, we are aware that some Logan University students are weighing their options to either take a trimester off or reduce their course load. We also recognize that an equal number of students are concerned about extending their time to graduation.

That said, we have created a special tuition program that will take the financial cost to reduce course load out of the equation for qualified students:

This scholarship will apply to incoming first time trimester 1 students and students enrolled in Logan's DC program during Spring 2020 who wish to voluntarily reduce their course load such that their time to completion is extended by one trimester or more, due to their reduced load during summer 2020.

It is intended to help those students who wish to delay one or more courses until after the pandemic allows us to resume on-campus instruction.

See the attachment for more information and requirements. Submit completed applications to registrar@logan.edu.

## Pandemic PASS/FAIL OPTION

For a limited time, students have until Friday, May 1, 2020 to request the Pass option for any individual course in the Spring 2020 trimester. Click on the link below for full information and application. Contact your academic success coach with any questions.

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IICwEq6HEUeyXAQcIGFfCn4tv4n9ptDrkKYxOwTPQRUMkxUVjI5UjYwSkRDOUVZSE5JRIZSV0Y4OS4u

Remember, we are here for you. We are listening. We are all in this together.





# **Update from Logan University Office of the Registrar**

## April 14, 2020

Dear Logan Students,

Due to the current COVID 19 Pandemic, Logan University has chosen to make the following temporary changes to our current academic policies:

#### **Academic Standing**

- We are going to freeze the current end of trimester academic probationary status for this Spring, 2020 semester.
- This means whatever Academic status you are actively on, we will not review your academic progress for further Academic Probationary Status until the end of the Summer, 2020 semester.
- However, if you have moved to Good Academic Standing at the end of the Spring, 2020 semester, we will evaluate your progress and remove you from Academic Probation.
- PLEASE NOTE: This is only for Academic Standing and not for Financial Aid Student Academic Progress (SAP) Standing. You will need
  to contact the Financial Aid Office at the end of the Spring, 2020 term after grades are finalized.
- · Any questions, please contact the Registrar's office at registrar@logan.edu.

## Withdrawal Deadline Spring, 2020 Courses

- We have extended the withdrawal deadline to withdraw from any Logan course for the Spring, 2020 trimester. The withdrawal deadline has been extended to Friday, April 17.
- We also have extended the withdrawal deadline for the Summer, 2020 trimester. The withdrawal deadline for full semester courses has been extended to August 14, 2020.

## Pass /Fail Policy

- On a course by course basis, students will be given the option of choosing the usual letter grade scale or Pass/Fail grading for Spring, 2020 courses.
- If the Pass/Fail option is chosen, end-of-course grades of 70 ("C") or higher are awarded a "P" grade and course credit. A grade of "F" and no course credit is awarded for end-of-course grades below 70.
- Per standard practices, "P" grades are not calculated into trimester or cumulative GPAs.
- Final grades will be submitted by faculty as usual in Canvas by the due date of April 27, 2020.
- Students need to officially inform the Registrar's office of their election of a Pass/Fail grade for any course by the deadline of May 1, 2020. There will be information on this process regarding the Pass/Fail Grade Option on the Registrar Office website, or by contacting Registrar@logan.edu.

## Incomplete Policy

• The deadline for satisfying Incomplete (I) grades has been extended for students who need more time to complete any course due to challenges associated with the COVID 19 outbreak. Please work with your faculty member regarding your circumstances.

In good health,

Logan University
Office of the Registrar





# **Update from Logan University**

April 6, 2020

Students, Faculty and Staff,

At this time, Missouri Gov. Mike Parson has issued a statewide stay-at-home order to help slow the spread of the Coronavirus/COVID-19. **This order went into effect today, Monday, April 6, and remains in place until Friday, April 24.** 

As you know, Logan University has been in compliance with all directives and will continue to make decisions focused on the safety, health and welfare of our community. Our campus and clinics have been closed to all, with the exception of those who are providing essential services.

We encourage you all to practice social distancing and to be safe.





## April 6, 2020

Dear Logan Community,

I hope this finds you well and healthy.

As we approach the homestretch for this trimester, I wanted to take a moment to remind us that perseverance in the midst of this health crisis and the changes it has imposed on each of us is essential.

We have so much to be proud of. The entire Logan community responded rapidly and with a true sense of camaraderie in the shift to distance learning. The pace and quality of the transition will be a hallmark of our successful journey when we look back at how we addressed the challenges presented to us during this time.

Your tenacity to make the transition work is admirable and I encourage us all to stick with it. In these final few weeks, please give yourselves the opportunity to finish strong.

- 1. Stay current and on task. Practice daily accountability with coursework.
- 2. Rely on student services. Our on-campus services remain here for you. Academic support coaches, student care managers, librarians and teaching faculty are all available to help.
- 3. Practice good self-care. As health professionals we all know the importance of exercise, nutrition and rest to perform at our best.

Our collective response and recovery are a testament to Logan's longstanding reputation for preparing health professionals equipped to succeed in a changing world. This test proves our resilience more than ever!

I look forward to seeing you at the start of the next trimester – online – on May 14. We've been working diligently to ensure all classes are ready to go via distance learning and as always, able to deliver the high-caliber academic experience at the cornerstone of Logan's reputation.

Stay well, finish strong.





March 30, 2020

Students, Faculty and Staff,

The following video, from Logan President Dr. Clay McDonald, provides updates regarding COVID-19, its impact on University and campus operations, and gratitude for the investment, dedication, agility and hard work from the whole Logan community. <a href="https://vimeo.com/401452150/93c7b92195">https://vimeo.com/401452150/93c7b92195</a>





March 27, 2020

Students,

Thanks to your engagement and support, we've made it through the first week of online education for all our programs. Kudos to our faculty and staff who successfully brought all DC core courses to the online space. They have truly shown their commitment and a do-what-it-takes attitude.

Currently, the Montgomery Health Center remains open and clinicians are screening and treating patients as appropriate. As we move toward launching a telemedicine tool, we will be seeing only those patients that require urgent care, until the COVID-19 crisis passes. Concurrently, we are developing and conducting case management reviews, and will be adding clinical vignettes that will enable students to move toward their goals of graduating on time.

Our faculty and staff are committed to your success and ready to provide you with the necessary resources and assistance, should you need it. Please do not hesitate to reach out to them at any time.

Stay well,





March 23, 2020

Students,

As of today, Monday, March 23, all Logan coursework and instruction has moved online. Academic Affairs and Information Technology are working hard to make the transition to online as seamless as possible. As we navigate this process, please be patient and alert us to any questions or concerns you may have:

- For technology difficulties, please contact Dr. Brad Hough, <u>Brad.Hough@logan.edu</u>
- For content and curriculum questions, please contact Dr. Kimberly O'Reilly, Kimberly.OReilly@logan.edu

To help minimize time needed to spend in the clinic later, students in Trimesters 7-10 will receive work related to online case management soon. More information to come and again, your patience as we work to develop this is appreciated.

We are extremely grateful for our faculty and staff's commitment and ability to adapt to an online format and modify material that lends itself to quality instruction. It has been a significant undertaking and I commend their efforts in both compliance and agility.

Thank you again for your continued support. We are committed to keeping you updated and informed on any and all campus developments related to COVID-19.

Stay well,





March 21, 2020

Dear Students,

Today, St. Louis County and St. Louis City issued a mandatory stay-at-home order, effective Monday, to prevent further spread of Coronavirus/COVID-19 in the St. Louis region.

Logan is complying with the announcement and only personnel who are essential to critical University operations will be on campus at this time. The Logan University departments of Admissions and Financial Aid, Student Services and Academic Affairs will be available to you via email and phone throughout this time.

The Logan University Health Centers remain in operation with limited hours and limited staff. As a portal-of-entry health care provider and consistent with other local health care centers, Logan is providing care to a reduced volume of patients. Opportunities for students to work at Logan's Health Centers are both optional and limited during this time. Please reach out to Dr. Jason Goodman, Jason.Goodman@logan.edu, to determine availability.

As we stated yesterday, we are working to determine what alternative options exist for current clinic students. All online instruction will begin Monday, March 23, as scheduled.

During these times of uncertainty, I understand the stress and anxiety that you may be feeling. I have great confidence in my leadership team, faculty and staff, as we navigate these challenges and demonstrate our adaptability and flexibility. I also have great confidence in our students' ability to persevere. You have shown that both through your ongoing support and valuable feedback.

We look forward to coming out of this stronger and more united as a University and appreciate your patience and understanding in the process.

I urge you all to stay well and stay informed.





March 20, 2020

Students,

Reflective of the ever-changing environment around us and reduced patient volume at our Health Centers, we will be limiting hours for students in the coming weeks. We are currently reviewing utilization of our Health Centers on regular basis and will provide timely updates.

If you are local and interested in being in the Health Center, please reach out to Dr. Jason Goodman, Jason.Goodman@logan.edu to determine if a spot is available for you to work. Associate Provost and the College of Chiropractic Dean, Dr. Joseph Pfeifer, is working with the faculty clinicians to determine what, if any, alternative options exist for current clinic students during this time of potential closure and with many students not being able to complete their clinical experience during this unprecedented time.

For additional questions or concerns, please contact Dr. Pfeifer, Joseph.Pfeifer@logan.edu.

For all online instruction, beginning Monday, March 23, students will be hearing more Academic Affairs and Information Technology on how to log on and interact with their online courses. Please watch for additional communication regarding resources available to you. Any questions or concerns regarding online instruction may be directed to Provost Dr. Kimberly Paddock-O'Reilly, <a href="Minipage-New York Concerns">Minipage New York Concerns</a> regarding online instruction may be directed to Provost Dr. Kimberly Paddock-O'Reilly, <a href="Minipage-New York Concerns">Minipage New York Concerns</a> regarding online instruction may be directed to Provost Dr. Kimberly Paddock-O'Reilly, <a href="Minipage-New York Concerns">Minipage New York Concerns</a> regarding online instruction may be directed to Provost Dr. Kimberly Paddock-O'Reilly, <a href="Minipage-New York Concerns">Minipage New York Concerns</a> regarding online instruction may be directed to Provost Dr. Kimberly Paddock-O'Reilly, <a href="Minipage-New York Concerns">Minipage New York Concerns</a> regarding online instruction may be directed to Provost Dr. Kimberly Paddock-O'Reilly, <a href="Minipage-New York Concerns">Minipage New York Concerns</a> regarding online instruction may be directed to Provost Dr. Kimberly Paddock-O'Reilly, <a href="Minipage-New York Concerns">Minipage New York Concerns</a> regarding online instruction may be directed to Provost Dr. Kimberly Paddock-O'Reilly, <a href="Minipage-New York Concerns">Minipage New York Concerns</a> regarding reg

Stay well.





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-

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 <u>Barbara.Nutt@Logan.edu</u> 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 <a href="Mews@logan.edu">Mews@logan.edu</a>. We will do our best to answer promptly.

Stay well, Clay McDonald, DC, MBA, JD





## 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





## 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 <u>immunosuppressed</u>, have recently traveled abroad or visited areas where Coronavirus/COVID-19 is <u>prevalent</u>, <u>please self-report to Logan</u> <u>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 <u>find self-quarantine tips here.</u></u>

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.

Stav well.

Clay McDonald, DC, MBA, JD





## 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 <u>St. Louis County Department of Health</u> and the Centers for Disease Control, are not recommending school closures, and in fact the <u>CDC maintains</u>: "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.

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 <u>CDC</u> and from other resources posted at <u>Logan.edu/HealthUpdate</u>. We are committed to providing timely and frequent communication as we learn more and navigate this situation.

Stay well,

Clay McDonald, DC, MBA, JD





# **Update from Logan University**

## March 9, 2020

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 <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/summary.html">https://www.html</a> or World Health Organization <a href="https://www.who.int">https://www.who.int</a>





# **Update from Logan University**

## February 27, 2020

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