

Sterling College

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Dear Sterling College Families & Friends,

In consideration of the rapid developments in the outbreak of respiratory illness caused by the coronavirus (COVID-19), I am writing to provide an update on the College's efforts of prevention and preparedness toward this situation.

Sterling College has and will continue to closely monitor COVID-19 outbreak in coordination with federal and state health and emergency response organizations. As new information becomes available, we will continue to provide updates for the Sterling Community.

As of March 3, 2020, there are no known cases of COVID-19 in Vermont or Kentucky. Arizona has had one case of COVID-19 and the individual has since recovered and is no longer infected with the disease. We currently have students in these three states. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control indicates that currently the public risk remains low. As a result, our plan is to continue to operate classes, events, and activities as normal. We are taking precautionary measures to ensure we are prepared to respond if the virus is detected near or within our community. In cooperation with our campus nurse, Carol Maroni, I am currently working directly with individuals to create contingency travel and health plans. The College has also been working and will continue to work with the Vermont Department of Health, as well as the other state departments, to coordinate planning and response efforts.

We have communicated to the student body that anyone who wishes to stay on campus during break, rather than travel, may do so. Our residential halls will remain open and meal accommodations will be made. For those who intend to travel, we have reminded our community of the travel restrictions put in place by the US State Department. A current list of affected areas of travel can be found here at [the Vermont Department of Health](#). If a student or staff member returns from an affected area, we will work closely with the Vermont Department of Health and other state organizations as needed, to monitor for symptoms, identify risk levels, and provide appropriate accommodations.

Sterling College's leadership team is actively engaged in planning campus response to immediate or long-term issues related to the coronavirus with the well-being of the Sterling Community at the forefront of our decisions. As this situation evolves, we will continue to monitor developments and provide updates at ster

Sincerely,



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Dean of Student Life