

Thursday, March 19, 2020

Dear Heidelberg Alumni and Friends,

On Monday afternoon, as I took a walk across campus, I was struck by the dramatic ways our lives are changing and the magnitude of our current experience with the COVID-19 (coronavirus) pandemic. Knowing what we had to do to ensure the health, safety, and well-being of our entire University community, the Senior Leadership Team was about to make an unprecedented decision later that day to close the campus for the rest of the semester. With the strong support of the Board of Trustees officers, we made that call on Monday night.

This is new territory for all of us. We are in the midst of a once-in-a-lifetime convergence of a health crisis and accompanying financial uncertainty. I want to take a moment to share with you many of the key ways Heidelberg has responded with our priority to protect the health, safety, and well-being of everyone who works, studies, lives, and visits our campus, including our alumni and friends.

- All courses for the rest of the semester are being delivered online beginning on Monday, March 23. We are providing resources for faculty and students to ensure their success.
- As of now, the University remains open for business with staff reporting as usual. You can reach us as you always have.
- We are announcing a Temporary Telecommuting Policy for campus employees today.
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