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Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students:

We would like to clarify CSU's response to the messages that were sent out by the USG yesterday about the changes in instructional delivery from March 16 – March 29. Columbus State University will be testing online instruction after spring break. We will use the week of March 23 as a trial and practice run for online instruction. Only instruction in courses that are currently online will be delivered during the week of March 23-27. As we receive additional information and guidance on instruction beyond March 29, I will share it with you.

The week of March 23 will be used for faculty and students to experiment and use the online instructional systems. Students, please be on the lookout for communication from your faculty about accessing course materials in CougarView beginning March 23. Currently online classes are not affected by this directive and will continue as normal.

We are asking students to stay away from campus until at least March 29. However, we will accommodate students who cannot depart campus. Further, you do not need to vacate your residence halls, but we recommend you pack whatever equipment and instructional materials you need to follow your courses online and to be prepared to be away from campus for an extended period.

We will accommodate those students who, for any reason, can't move away from campus. If you are unable to leave campus, please contact Housing at [housing@columbusstate.edu](mailto:housing@columbusstate.edu). There will be follow-up communication specifically for residential students in that circumstance.

Please take care of yourselves while you are away from campus and be mindful of the various safety measures you should take to avoid and prevent illness. We will keep in touch with you via email, social channels, and on the resource page at <https://www.columbusstate.edu/coronavirus/> as the situation changes and additional decisions are made.

These are indeed difficult and stressful times, but I have no doubt we will navigate them successfully with everyone's participation and contribution. I have full confidence in the ability of our CSU community to address this challenge with innovation and creativity.

Many thanks,

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