

Dear SUNY Fredonia Parents:

As you know, the guidance and information regarding COVID-19 and its impact on our college community changes every day.

Although SUNY Fredonia remains open and will begin remote instruction on March 23, we need to reduce density and limit the number of people on campus to slow the spread of the virus. The State University of New York has provided new guidance regarding on-campus housing options that differs slightly from what we communicated last week. For the most up-to-date information, please visit our [coronavirus](#) website, which also contains detailed information on how distance learning will take place and will answer other questions related to your student's education.

Students Returning from Spring Break

Per President Hefner's memo dated March 17, 2020, SUNY has issued a request for campuses to strongly urge students planning on returning to campus (or currently staying on campus) to reconsider their decisions and remain at home. Students who need to remain on campus will definitely be accommodated, but you should know that services have been greatly curtailed due to recent directives from the Governor: food service is limited to "take-out" from a few locations, the fitness center and natatorium are now closed, and many campus employees are required to work from home, causing us to move to a series of digital services (Library, Learning Center, Advising, etc.) or cancel certain services (Park and Ride, etc.). In the community, all restaurants are now take-out only and many entertainment venues and all bars are closed, to name a few of the changes.

If your student currently remains in the residence halls, we strongly ask that they reconsider. While nobody will be forced to leave campus, we are urging students to make a socially responsible decision to limit density and, if feasible, return home.

However, we do fully understand that some students may not have the ability to return home. We intend to keep residence halls open for those who meet any of the following criteria:

- Students, including our international students, for whom college housing is their primary residence.
- Students for whom safe living and dining arrangements cannot be made.
- Students who do not currently have a safe or healthy home environment

If a student is not in one of these categories, you should encourage your student to complete the remainder of the semester from home. They will be able to complete their semester credits, regardless of where they are located.

Important Academic Information for Your Student

Given the challenges of transitioning to distance education, four changes were made in the academic calendar:

- Midterm Grades DUE April 1
- Advising Sessions April 6-17
- Course Registration Begins April 14
- Course/University Withdrawal April 27

Notification of Distance Education Assignments

Students will be notified by each of their faculty via email by no later than Monday, March 23 of the distance education alternative that will be used for the remainder of the semester.

Thank you for your continued patience as we move forward in this unprecedented situation.

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