Dear Panther Family,

For two weeks, the university has been proactive in keeping you updated about the rapidly changing information regarding COVID-19 also referred to as novel coronavirus. This letter is to communicate the plans we have for the remainder of the semester and how we will work to keep our campus safe.

The university has held daily meetings with our health partner, Capital Area Health Network, and we are also following recommendations from the Virginia Department of Health, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Department of Education. Following their guidance, the university has made the following decisions:

1. Spring Break will be extended, for students, through Saturday, March 21. Students are encouraged to take the extra week to prepare for the return to coursework.
2. Faculty and Staff are to report back to work as regularly scheduled on Monday, March 16.
3. Course instruction will begin on Monday, March 23 via remote course delivery using Microsoft TEAMS and My.VUU.
4. All university-led and hosted events scheduled on and off-campus during the month of March are postponed until further notice.
5. All Spring sports are postponed until further notice.
6. All Enrollment Management recruitment activities will now be hosted virtually.
7. All Alumni Affairs events will be postponed until further notice, while new virtual events will be added to the Panther Tour calendar.

Each action listed above is to ensure that your health and well-being remain the most important concern as we end the academic year. The following are steps being implemented to address the threat of COVID-19 on VUU’s campus. Effective immediately we are:

1. Increasing the frequency of industrial cleaning in every building.
2. Modifying the use of industrial cleaning products aimed particularly as a defense against COVID-19.
3. Placing personal sanitizing stations in every building on campus.
4. Continuing to update our [coronavirus 2020](https://www.vuu.edu) webpage on the university’s website, [www.vuu.edu](http://www.vuu.edu).
5. Creating a self-reporting page for students, faculty and staff to share any travel, especially in areas declared as a level 2 or 3 threat by the CDC. Please click here to fill out the form.
The following executive team leaders will continue to update each constituency group of the university family. Communication to and from will be delivered by:

**Students and Parents** - Dr. Carleitta Paige-Anderson, VP of Student Development  
**Faculty and Adjuncts** - Dr. Joy Goodrich, SVP/Provost  
**Staff** - Dr. Allia Carter, EVP/COO  
**Human Resources** - Tamica Epps, AVP of Human Resources & Talent Management  
**Alumni Affairs** - Maurice Campbell, SVP of Corporate and External Affairs.

As we continue to work together to protect members of our community on campus. Here is information you can use to ensure your personal safety while off-campus.

- [www.vuu.edu/coronavirus-2020](http://www.vuu.edu/coronavirus-2020)  
- [Virginia Department of Health (VDH)](http://Virginia Department of Health (VDH))  
- [Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)](http://Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC))  
- [Centers for Disease Control Fact sheet (English)](http://Centers for Disease Control Fact sheet (English))  
- [Informacion (en español)](http://Informacion (en español))

I thank you in advance for continuing to work proactively and collaboratively, as we navigate this worldwide COVID-19 crisis. Again, please continue to monitor your email, vuu.edu website, and social media for updates and any information related to future postponements and cancellations.

With Panther Pride,

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