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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Alcorn State University Family

**FROM:** Keith A. McGee, Ph.D.   
Interim Provost & Executive Vice President

**DATE:** March 12, 2020

**RE:** Spring Break Extension and Transition to Virtual Instruction

In the University's continuing efforts to address the increasing threat posed by the novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), all classes are suspended until Monday, March 23, 2020, to allow the University time to transition from in-person instruction to virtual instruction. This extension of Spring Break for students will not impact the work of the University's faculty and staff, who will report to work as usual.

During the week of March 16, 2020, Academic Affairs will work with faculty to move to a system of alternative course delivery where possible. All classes will resume on March 23<sup>rd</sup> in a virtual format.

University settings present a unique set of challenges during a pandemic because the density of students living and studying in close proximity amplify the probability of rapid transmission of infectious agents. Therefore, to mitigate and minimize potential transmission, students who are able to return home and stay home for the remainder of the semester are strongly encouraged to do so. However, students who are not able to return home will continue to be accommodated with campus services\*. The Office of Student Affairs and Residence Life will coordinate with students and their families in scheduling to remove personal belongings from the residences.

The University remains open and operational, including those services related to dining, health, and counseling. For more details on potential changes to hours of operation for these services, check for the most up to date information on the university's official COVID-19 website (<https://www.alcorn.edu/coronavirus>), social media accounts, and email.

Thank you in advance for your patience as we continue to monitor and manage the unfolding events related to COVID-19.

xc: Felecia M. Nave, President

\*Modified hours of operation