Dear Campus Community,

In the best interest of our faculty, staff, and students and for the community at large, USC Upstate officials have made the decision to move to virtual instruction following spring break. While there are no cases of COVID-19 associated with USC Upstate, we will continue to act with an abundance of caution and concern for the well-being of our campus community.

A few critical details are outlined below:

- **We will be suspending face-to-face instruction and transitioning to virtual instruction beginning Monday, March 16 until further notice.** We will continue to assess the situation as it evolves and will provide updates as warranted. Faculty will soon be hearing from the Provost and their deans with more details. Students should expect to hear from their professors regarding details about their classes. Staff should report to work as usual.

- The university will remain open and all services will continue to be operational at this time.

- For students who prefer to return to campus, residence halls will remain open and dining services will be available with modifications as circumstances dictate.

- Faculty, staff and students who are sick should stay home. If you have traveled recently to areas impacted by health or travel alerts or have known exposure to COVID-19, please contact USC Upstate Health Services at (864) 503-5191.

- University events with **100 people or more** should be postponed, cancelled or offered virtually, where possible. Please look for individual notices about currently scheduled events.

As you know, we continue to monitor COVID-19 and its potential impact on our campus community. University officials are following closely recommendations from the [Centers for Disease Control](https://www.cdc.gov) (CDC) and the [South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control](https://dhec.sc.gov) (SCDHEC) as they relate to our specific region. While USC Upstate is a part of the University of South Carolina System, we will make decisions that are appropriate for the needs of our institution.

University officials are committed to providing ongoing, accurate information to our entire community through a variety of channels. We will continue to keep you posted via email and the university website as we receive new information. We strongly encourage you to review the important information we have posted on the university website. Please exercise discretion in determining whether your recent travels or exposure may pose additional risk to the campus community.

We remain committed to the health and wellbeing of our campus community. Thank you for your patience as we all navigate these unique circumstances together.
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