

SLCC's Updated Coronavirus (COVID-19) Response

March 19, 2020

As the news surrounding COVID-19 changes on a seemingly daily basis, the Administrators at SLCC have been both meeting and praying regularly as we have tried to determine the best way forward. Our first and foremost concern is the safety of our students, faculty, and staff. In the midst of this process, we have been closely monitoring both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)) and St. Louis County Executive Orders.

On Wednesday, March 18, St. Louis County released Executive Order 14 which declared it "unlawful for any person to organize or to attend an intentional gathering of 10 people or more in a single space or room." While exceptions to this order exist, this latest order makes it clear that St. Louis County officials are taking extraordinary measures to limit the spread of the virus. SLCC feels the responsible thing to do at this point is close the college campus to students and visitors. Staff and faculty will continue to work normal hours. Further guidance will be forthcoming for those who feel a need to work remotely due to being in a "high-risk" group as defined by the St. Louis County Department of Public Health.

In addition to closing the campus, the following actions have been taken:

- Both DAY and EVENING courses will continue remotely by utilizing Zoom.
- Chapel will be streamed on Wednesdays through Facebook Live at the SLCC page (<https://www.facebook.com/stlchristian/>). Professor Marshall will lead music and devotions will be provided.
- Residential students are asked to move out of the dorms by Saturday, March 28. In order to encourage social distancing, students must arrange a move out time with Steve Naglak, Vice President of Student Life. We ask that students attempt to move out sooner than later as to avoid an unnecessary gathering on the last day. If alternative arrangements must be made, please contact Steve Naglak.
- Residential students will receive a partial credit for Room & Board that will be applied to the Fall 2020 semester. Residential students who are set to graduate at the conclusion of the Spring 2020 semester will receive partial refunds.
- May Commencement (graduation) is being postponed until Fall 2020 (a date will be announced at a later time).
- Effective immediately, visitors will not be allowed on the college campus unless they have an appointment. Those living in married housing may have visitors, as long as they check in with security and limit their visit to the apartment of those they are visiting. Facilities are closed to all non-residents.
- Higher Grounds coffeehouse will be closed.
- The Bookstore will be closed but will still order and supply materials to churches.
- The Library remains open, but new safety guidelines have been put in place (e.g., no more than 9 individuals may be in the library at any given time).

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March 16, 2020

On Sunday, March 15 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)) issued the following statement: "CDC recommends that for the next 8 weeks, organizers cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more throughout the U.S." Furthermore, on March 15, St. Louis County made the following announcement: "Effective immediately and for the next eight weeks, all scheduled events and social gatherings with more than 50 people in attendance are prohibited in St. Louis, St. Louis County, St. Charles County, Madison County, IL & St. Clair County, IL as recommended by the CDC."

While SLCC had previously taken many actions (as announced on March 12), in light of the revised recommendations of the CDC, SLCC is now taking the following measures:

- We will continue to strictly follow the CDC guidelines and all on-campus or SLCC sponsored gatherings will be limited to under 50 people.
- The campus remains open and classes will continue. Until further notice, however, all day and evening students will be given the option to complete their coursework remotely. Instructors will generally still show up for class at their scheduled times unless they have been out of the country or otherwise exposed to the risk of contacting COVID-19 as described below, in which case said instructors will arrange to offer their classes by an alternate remote format or through a substitute instructor. Students may choose to attend any class or instruction session in a face-to-face format, or they may use Zoom software to join the class remotely. Instructions for utilizing Zoom will be distributed shortly. As stated previously, social distancing of 6 feet should be observed in classrooms and any other on-campus or SLCC sponsored gatherings. Both students and faculty should expect that classroom assignments may be adjusted to allow for social distancing.
- In addition to Week of Service being cancelled for the week of March 16-20, we are adjusting the Academic Calendar. Spring Break will now be the full week of March 23-27. Thus, classes will now be held on April 9-10 (the previously scheduled dates for Spring Break). Because we are now giving three additional days for Spring Break, Potluck Palooza (April 16) has been cancelled. Course schedule changes have been approved by our accrediting association (ABHE).
- Residential students must communicate with Steve Naglak, the Vice President of Student Life, by March 23 indicating their plan to return to campus or remain at their permanent residence. Students planning on returning need to be moved back on campus by March 30. All residential students are to be checked out of their dorm rooms by noon of May 1. Non-graduating students must move off campus that day while graduating students may stay through graduation on May 2. Students are permitted to check out of their dorm room earlier than May 1 through appointment with the Vice President of Student Life.
- Residential and commuting students experiencing fever, body aches, shortness of breath, cough, runny nose, etc. may not return to campus until they are symptom free for 72 hours without medication.
- Faculty, personnel, students, and other persons who have within the last 14 days traveled out of the country or had personal contact with a person who has traveled out of the country or is known or suspected to have been exposed or infected with COVID-19

may not return to the campus for 14 days after such exposure or presentation of a negative COVID-19 test result.

- Chapel will continue but we are strictly limiting attendance to under 50 and will be observing a 6-foot distance rule between attendees. Also, until further notice, we will not be allowing the general public to attend chapel. Students continuing their studies remotely can access chapel through Facebook Live.
- Graduation will still be held on May 2 (in the chapel). However, we will not be allowing family and friends to attend. We will be providing a feed of the ceremony through Facebook Live.

We will continue to monitor all government guidelines and keep you updated. Pray that God will bless us with wisdom, peace, and understanding. Please also pray for our world and government.

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SLCC's Coronavirus Response

March 12, 2020

St. Louis Christian College is monitoring the developments surrounding the coronavirus and we are being proactive in following the recommendations of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC - [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)). The College has already taken the following actions:

- Installed hand cleaning disinfectant stations all over campus
- Restrooms now include disinfecting wipes
- "Stop the Spreading of Germs" flyer has posted all over campus
- Week of Service trips to both Philadelphia, PA and Florida have been cancelled
- Week of Service requirements have been cancelled and all residential students have been encouraged to return home for the week of March 16-20, so that cleaning crews can thoroughly disinfect areas of the campus
- Classes for the week of March 16-20 are cancelled (with exception to Tuesday evening)
- All residential students with flu symptoms have been required to go through Urgent Care and have been self-quarantined in their dorm room
- Students are being told that if they develop even a mild cough or low-grade fever, they should stay home or self-quarantine
- Instructors and students are being told to try to adhere to CDC recommendations avoiding close contact with others (6 feet)

Please join us in encouraging responsible social behavior and hygiene practices.