

Wabash.

March 19, 2020

To: Wabash Faculty, Staff, and Students
From: President Gregory D. Hess
Re: Additional Actions in Response to COVID-19

I am grateful to all in our community who are banding together in these difficult days as we work to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The virus is spreading in Indiana, but to date there have been no confirmed cases in Montgomery County. We must remain vigilant in our efforts to practice social distancing and excellent hygiene.

We continue to work with our campus healthcare professionals and the county health department to find ways to protect the students, faculty, and staff of our College, while minimizing disruptions and working to support the physical, mental, and emotional health of the campus community. We are blessed to have medical experts that are sensitive to the needs of our campus and who work with us to find that balance. I am writing today to announce some additional steps we are taking:

- For now, the Fitness Center and Knowing Fieldhouse will remain open in the Allen Center, but with reduced hours. Beginning tomorrow, March 20, those facilities will be available from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Restrooms are available for use on the main floor only. No family members, visitors, or guests are permitted in the building.
- We are closing the pool in the Allen Center, the Shelbourne Wrestling Center, and Collett Indoor Tennis Courts until further notice. The outdoor tennis courts will remain open for current students, faculty, and staff only.
- We are asking everyone who can to please clean out your lockers in the Allen Center as soon as possible and no later than March 27. After that date, locker rooms will be accessible by appointment only through Ryan Clark — clarkr@wabash.edu. Please note that all belongings not claimed will remain in existing lockers. We simply need to shut down the locker rooms as soon as possible. Please discontinue the use of showers in the locker rooms immediately.

Finally, we remind you that it is our expectation that if you or a member of your household has a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, that you will remain home until test results have been confirmed. Please do not come to work if you are ill or have any symptoms as identified by the CDC.

Thank you, again, for all you are doing individually and collectively to keep our community safe and healthy. We are all in this together and I am proud of the Wabash Always Fights attitude we've had in dealing with this public health crisis.

