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UA SGA Updates Student Body on Coronavirus Pandemic

University of Alabama extends spring break until March 30 to prepare for online learning

TUSCALOOSA, MARCH 17, 2020 — The University of Alabama and its Student Government Association (SGA) are dedicated to the health and safety of the campus community. The COVID-19 pandemic, otherwise known as “Coronavirus,” presents potentially significant health concerns, and SGA is committed to working with the University to slow the spread of the coronavirus by doing its part to “flatten the curve” of infected and exposed people.

The SGA, in conjunction with the University, encourages all students and UA community members to practice social distancing, remaining cautious around at-risk and heightened-risk populations and exercising exceptional hygiene, as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in an effort to prioritize public health.

The University of Alabama System has outlined a plan for students to practice social distancing by extending Spring Break an additional week with online classes to follow. This policy will be re-evaluated on or before Monday, April 6. Students should not return to campus following the extended spring break but should remain at home and engage in online distance learning.

The University has outlined what exceptions will be made for students without alternative accommodations, students without the means necessary for receiving remote instruction and students facing exceptional hardships, or academic, employment, clinical or research requirements that should be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. Students will continue to have access to Lakeside Dining, the Student Health Center and the Counseling Center. Students may also contact UAPD at (205) 348-5454 for food pantry needs.

“The SGA is dedicated to ensuring student safety during the Coronavirus pandemic,” said SGA President Harrison Adams. “At this time, we encourage all students and members of the campus community to continue listening to government, health and university officials alike.”

About Us

The University of Alabama Student Government Association strives to promote a diverse student body through initiatives, events, and partnerships with many on-campus organizations. SGA believes that students come first and exists to represent any concerns that come about in the lives of each student.

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