

Dear Students and Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank so many individuals on our campus who are working tirelessly to respond to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. I want to reiterate that we do not have active cases on any of Southeast's campuses. This situation sweeping the world and now threatening our own country is changing by the hour, and we are doing our best to respond to this escalating public health threat.

We want you to know that our faculty and staff are with you during this unprecedented situation. As you know, in-person classes will not be held the week of March 23. In preparation, this week, faculty members are working hard to transition coursework to alternative delivery modes, and I appreciate their efforts to pivot so quickly. While we would like all technology to work seamlessly next week when we move to faculty and students communicating remotely, we realize there may be some issues that will need to be addressed; and we will provide assistance as best we can.

Do not worry if learning outside the traditional classroom feels unfamiliar to you! We will be flexible, and together we will work through this transition with you. These are challenging times, and we understand there will be a learning curve among everyone involved.

We continue to search for alternatives for remote delivery of coursework and we are exploring all our options and doing our best to provide you with the tools you need to learn, no matter where you may be.

We know there will be many questions in the days and weeks ahead. To help you address what's on your mind, we've developed a dedicated email at COVID19@semo.edu where you may submit questions. This email will be monitored during regular business hours, and we will work to get you a response within 48 hours. In addition, please remember to check <https://semo.edu/sealerts/covid-19.html> for updates.

We are all committed to your success, even during these extraordinary times. With all of us working together and with our collective Will To Do, we will weather this storm.

Regards,

Carlos Vargas
President