



March 23, 2020

Due to Governor Holcomb's directive on March 23rd, JPU administrative staff are providing all services from home whenever possible. JPU intends to comply with all social distancing guidelines. University operations and student services are proceeding as scheduled.

On March 6, 2020, due to mounting travel restrictions as a result of the Coronavirus, University leadership voted to conduct virtual boot camp and not require students and faculty to travel to JPU's campus in South Bend, Indiana.

Leadership carefully weighed the positives and negatives of this decision. Coronavirus cases have grown in the United States and more travel restrictions have been enacted. Although Indiana was not considered a low risk state at the time, students and faculty will be traveling from and through higher risk states. Some students in higher risk states have been placed on travel restrictions by their employers, or been informed that if they travel, they will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days upon returning. JPU recognized its responsibility to make decisions that positively affect the health and wellness of the entire JPU community while continuing to satisfy all educational objectives.

All on-site course sessions scheduled March 14-16 proceeded as scheduled through online meetings. Students on campus during that time received all content through attending all class meetings online.

John Patrick University wants to ensure all personnel and students take precautions to prevent the spread of any illnesses.

1. JPU will increase the presence of hand sanitizers and encourages students and personnel to use them often.
2. JPU will increase the frequency with which it cleans surfaces in the classrooms, library, and common areas.
3. While traveling and at JPU, everyone should wash their hands with soap and warm water often and refrain from unnecessary close contact with others.
4. You are encouraged to carry a small travel-sized bottle of hand sanitizer with you and use it regularly.

JPU's WellConnect service is available to all Faculty, Staff, and Students and can provide resources to help ease your concerns about the coronavirus and provide helpful information such as resources related to the current spread of the illness and ways to prevent the spread of infection.

Phone: 866-640-4777

Web: WellConnectForYou.com



Here's What to Know about Coronavirus (Provided by HealthCare.gov)

You've likely heard about the Coronavirus (Officially called "2019-Novel Coronavirus" or "COVID-19") in the news. While the immediate health risk remains low to Americans and there isn't a vaccine yet, there are still ways that you can help prevent the spread of this virus.

To prevent the spread of this illness or other illnesses, including the flu:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water,
- Cover your mouth and nose when you cough or sneeze,
- Stay home when you're sick, and
- See your doctor if you think you're ill.

Visit the following Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) websites for more information on the Coronavirus, including what you should know about symptoms, treatments, testing, and other frequently asked questions.

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- <https://www.who.int/health-topics/coronavirus>