



Date: March 17, 2020

To: SMSU Students

From: President Kumara Jayasuriya

Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19)-**Second** Extension of Spring Break-Classes resume March 30

The fluidity of information and changes to recommended procedures continues at a rapid pace in regards to COVID-19 best practices. The well-being of our students, faculty, staff, and campus community is of our utmost concern during the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19.

Spring break is now extended for a third week for students at SMSU.

- **SMSU classes will now resume March 30, 2020**, in alternative modes of delivery, such as online learning.
- **You will hear from your instructors by March 19<sup>th</sup>** to learn more about your next steps with your courses. If you haven't heard from your instructors, please reach out to them directly.
- Spring semester will not be extended and will end as originally scheduled.

**Fall registration windows begin opening March 25<sup>th</sup> with all windows open by March 31<sup>st</sup>.**

- Some of you have been working with your advisors using a teleconferencing format so you are ready for registration windows to open.
- For others who have not yet worked with your academic advisors, you will hear from your advisors (and the registrar) by March 19<sup>th</sup> to learn more about your next steps for registration and access codes.

The campus will remain open, including residence halls, dining facilities, and student support services and offices. Students living in the residence halls may return to their rooms at any time. Please know that student services are available to you so do not hesitate to reach out to the various services at SMSU. Each one is working to ensure an online and/or alternate format presence supports you.

Student workers and graduate assistants are allowed to work on campus. Contact your supervisor if you are unable to return or if you have any questions.

Please take good care to stay healthy:

**DOs:**

- Practice Social Distancing of 6 ft. or more.
- Avoid groups and mass gatherings.
- Stay home if you are sick (flu-like symptoms) - but still keep in touch with family/friends.

**DON'Ts:**

- Organize or attend a party (events with people gathered close together).
- Shake hands with others.
- Touch your face except to clean it.

Please reach out to your faculty and advisors if you have any questions or concerns.

As conditions evolve, we will provide you with the most comprehensive information and guidance possible. Please refer to the SMSU COVID-19 webpage for the most current information at <https://www.smsu.edu/campuslife/healthservices/healthalerts/coronavirus.html> . Especially review the student section.

Thank you.