



OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

April 1, 2020

Students,

Mississippi Governor Tate Reeves placed a “State-wide shelter-in-place” order which will begin this Friday, April 3 at 5:00 p.m. and ends at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 20. If you elect to stay on campus, you will be required to stay on campus over both weekends. If you travel off campus, you will be restricted to essential activities such as grocery shopping and other supplies, caring for someone, or working for a business that is allowed to remain open during this crisis. If you decide to leave campus for any reason, you must get this approved with your Resident Director before leaving. You are to check out with him or her. You must return to campus within one- and one-half hour (1.5 hours) of your departure. You must then check in with your Resident Director upon arriving back to the dorm. You are to call/text him or her to meet you at the entrance to have your temperature checked. Please note that if you break any of the above rules, you will be asked to go home. We are providing you a safe and healthy environment, and we want everyone to remain safe and healthy during this time.

If you elect to return home for the remainder of the semester, you should plan to do so before the shelter-in-place order goes into effect Friday afternoon. You must check out properly with your Resident Director if you choose to leave for the semester.

Students, please understand that we have been ordered by the Governor to follow this “shelter in place” through April 20, 2020, at 8:00 a.m.

Students who return home and find that internet access does not support completion of coursework, should contact the instructor of the class and request a grade of incomplete. If a student requests a grade of incomplete, December 11, 2020, is the deadline for completion of all spring coursework grades of incomplete.

If you have any technology needs or concerns, please email [support@bmc.edu](mailto:support@bmc.edu) and we will respond to you in a timely manner.

We put our trust in God, and He will get us through this difficult time. BMC is here to support you.

In Christ,

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