

To: Our WHC Student Community

From: Dr. David Morrow, Dead of Hospitality Studies

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020

Re: Continuation of Classes at Walnut Hill College

Good day students:

Announcements were made yesterday afternoon regarding the postponement of our college Commencement activities, and this morning regarding the postponement of our Freshman Showcase event. This decision was made by the leadership of the college following the recommendation of its Health and Safety Team. This team continues to meet multiple times a day and is in constant communication regarding the outbreak of the Coronavirus.

The Health and Safety Team is paying particular attention to the recommendations the Center for Disease Control (CDC) has issued for Institutions of Higher Education (IHE). The College is continuously assessing the information shared by this, and other reputable sources as we consider the safety and well-being of our college community which is our number one priority.

In addition to the health and safety of our students, staff, and faculty, so too is the ongoing and continuous delivery of our academic programs. The College has plans, and is prepared for, the potential disruption of on ground classes. At the present time, however, based on a thorough review of all available information, Walnut Hill College will continue to hold classes as normal.

The reports about the virus concerns and precautions are changing moment by moment. The College and its Health and Safety Team will continue to monitor and assess the situation as it relates to maintaining a safe college community. We will continue to update our <u>Health and Safety page</u> of the WHC website and keep you informed about decisions related to campus activities and courses.

I greatly appreciate your understanding, patience and flexibility as we, and all members of our community, continue to navigate the challenges of this unique and complex challenge.

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