Dear Spartan Community:

Welcome to summer semester. Many of you celebrated virtually Saturday with Michigan State University’s spring 2020 graduates. Now, it’s time to return your focus to summer semester.

As we continue working through these incredibly different times, we want to continue to help you focus on your end goal – your graduation. With MSU’s summer semester moved online we want to remind you to continue to visit the Keep Learning website for up-to-date information and tips to help with your remote learning.

We want to ensure you have all the information you need to stay connected with MSU while we are “Physically Distanced,” yet remaining “Socially Engaged.” This communication includes organized information and links so you may access related details.

**Spring Semester Grades Deadline**
The deadline to change your grade to an S or NS is **11:59 p.m., Wednesday, May 20**. The following transcript annotation will appear on all MSU transcripts for Spring 2020: *As the novel coronavirus pandemic required significant changes to instruction, S-Satisfactory and NS-Not Satisfactory grades were made available to undergraduate and graduate students.* More details about recording grades along with FAQs to help navigate your decision are available on the remote.msu.edu website. All students are encouraged to work with academic advisors to determine which option is right for their individual needs. If you are unsure, for example, whether your grade should be recorded as a “3.0” or “S,” an academic advisor can assist you with making the decision that is in your best interest. For more information, visit the Academic Advising Resources web page.

**Staying connected**
Finding available Wi-Fi continues to be important. This MSU campus map identifies outdoor Wi-Fi access areas. Some campus buildings with Wi-Fi also continue to be open, including these buildings:

- Student Services Building open during regular building hours; the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs – 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.
- MSU Union – open 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

*Please be mindful of maintaining social distancing when using these spaces.*

In addition, Connected Nation Michigan (CNMI) public Wi-Fi map includes self-reported public Wi-Fi locations provided by entities and individuals. Similar maps from Connected Nation are available for the following states:

- Ohio public Wi-Fi map
- Wisconsin public Wi-Fi map

*When using public Wi-Fi, always use caution and protect your information and devices.*

Another possible option for students who are near a college campus other than MSU is using your MSU credentials to access Wi-Fi via Eduroam – a world-wide roaming access service developed for the international research and education community. Visit https://www.eduroam.org/where/ to find a map of global locations and learn how to use this resource. If you choose to use Eduroam and visit a location where it may be available to you, ensure the location is safe and you can maintain social distancing.

**Continue to take care of yourself**
Being “Physically Distanced” is difficult for many of us while we follow shelter in place orders established to keep us safe. Distancing can lead us to feeling disconnected from our communities. You may reach out to MSU Counseling & Psychiatric Services (CAPS) staff, currently working remotely to meet the needs of MSU students. If you are a student in crisis, please call 911, go to your nearest emergency room or call CAPS anytime day or night at 517-355-8270 and press "1" at the prompt to receive assistance from a crisis counselor over the phone. You may also find helpful information from CAPS’ Summer Care Kit. For more information, please visit the CAPS website, or connect through the MyMSUHealth patient portal.

Olin Health Center remains open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday for those on or near campus who require medical attention. Please call 517-353-4660 first if you would like an appointment to see a medical provider. To refill prescriptions, use the MyMSUHealth patient portal. Please note, the Olin Pharmacy is temporarily closed. Prescriptions are being filled through the Clinical Center Pharmacy or the pharmacy of your choice.

**Recreational Sports and Fitness Services**
Remote fitness opportunities continue to be available from Recreational Sports and Fitness Services (RSFS). Find schedules and more information on the RSFS website.

**Tuition**
MSU is holding tuition rates steady for the 2020-21 academic year. The MSU Board of Trustees approved the tuition freeze during the May 15 meeting. Tuition rates for undergraduate students have been held steady since the 2018-2019 academic year.

**Student Affairs and Services**
As mentioned earlier, the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs and Services (SSB 150) remains open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday-Friday. Please contact us at 517-355-7535 or via studentaffairs@msu.edu. Other SAS offices may be reached virtually during normal business hours. Visit the Student Affairs and Services website to stay engaged, access information and find virtual opportunities. Also stay informed via our COVID-19 Information and Resources webpage.

To stay up to date on the coronavirus and MSU, visit msu.edu/coronavirus or call the University's toll-free coronavirus hotline at 888-353-1294.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns and stay safe.

Sincerely,

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