Dear Spartan Community:

We understand the challenges each of you continue to face as has been evidenced by the incredible response in applications for the Support our Spartans Student Emergency Needs Fund for COVID-19 (SOS COVID-19 Fund).

The SOS COVID-19 Fund was established to support students who have lost jobs, are unable to return home or face other financial challenges because of the pandemic. More than 3,000 applications were received within the first 24 hours, and hundreds more continue to be submitted each day.

*Unfortunately, due to the overwhelming number of applications and the limited resources available, we will close the application process for the SOS COVID-19 Fund at 11:59 p.m. EST tonight (Friday, April 17).*

If you began an application and have yet to complete it, please do so by tonight at 11:59 p.m. as the sites and platforms will be closed after that time. Completed applications will be kept active and funds awarded as long as gifts are being received to the fund.

Students may also apply for assistance from MSU’s $14.9 million in CARES Act funds (Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act) through the Office of Financial Aid. The funds will be distributed to eligible students to address the financial problems created for them by necessary changes at MSU as it responded to the novel coronavirus. The University is developing an online application to make it easier for students who need assistance to receive it. The online application will be posted on the [msu.edu/coronavirus](http://msu.edu/coronavirus) website once available.

Updated information will be shared when available.

Thank you.