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Dear Members of the Westminster Community,

As you know, in my March 11 message, I described the actions Westminster College is taking regarding Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Westminster has been actively communicating about the unfolding situation on our website at www.wcmo.edu in the last 24 hours. To ensure the well-being of our students, faculty, and staff, we are requesting that all students who leave campus for Spring Break 2020 remain away from campus for an additional week, returning no earlier than Saturday, March 28.

As the quality of the academic experience is of paramount importance, we will implement our Digital Blue Distance Learning Plan during the week of March 23. Faculty will conduct classes online. Students should have with them the appropriate course materials and Digital Blue iPads, and they will receive specific instructions from their instructors. Formal online instruction will continue until students return to campus. Meanwhile, Westminster staff members are to report to campus for work as usual.

At this time, we anticipate March 28 is the return date, with normal classes resuming on March 30. However, as the COVID-19 situation is rapidly developing, we may adjust that date to a later time. We expect to announce that decision no later than Wednesday, March 18.

In the event you are exposed to COVID-19 during spring break, please contact your local health department before returning to campus. If you are concerned that you have contracted the virus, you should contact the 24-hour Missouri hotline at (877) 435-8411 to seek guidance.

Please refer to www.wcmo.edu regularly for updates on the COVID-19 situation.

We want to keep our Blue Jays safe and look forward to your safe return as soon as possible!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Fletcher M. Lamkin'.

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