

Thursday, April 2, 2020

Greetings FAMU DRS Family:

It is my sincere hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. Please continue to adhere to the recommended guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) regarding safety precautions due to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

As you may be aware, Governor Ron DeSantis issued Executive Order 2091 effective, Friday, April 3 at 12:01 a.m. Per his order, only those listed as essential may travel outside of their homes. This includes reporting to work, and I have communicated with FAMU DRS faculty and staff who have been identified as essential workers. All others are strongly advised not to report to our campus for any reason.

Meals

We will continue to distribute free meals for breakfast and lunch Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. until noon. We will immediately post updates to our website, famudrs.org, should any federal, state or local orders prohibit us from continuing our meal service. We are extremely grateful to be able to provide this service to our community. To date, we have served over 1,500 meals, and I am honored by and appreciative of our cafeteria staff and security team for their work supporting our students.

Read Fridays

On Friday, April 10 we will begin "Read Fridays." This is a new initiative designed to encourage and promote exploration through literature. Assignments will be suspended each Friday to allow students to participate. Please encourage students to continue to review Google Classroom for their "bell ringers." Students may acquire a free library card and download books from Leon Public County Library.

Refunds

Many of our students have paid for activities that unfortunately will not occur this semester. We are working to reimburse families who have already paid for events scheduled to occur while we are engaged in online instruction. We will provide additional information next week and we respectfully request your patience while we implement our repayment procedures.

Seniors

These are unprecedented times for all of us, but our graduating seniors are missing the in-person experiences that help define their final year in high school. Although this is not how we planned or anticipated their last semester with us, our leadership team is considering diverse options to celebrate our seniors and their accomplishments.

Again, thank you for continuing to be the best part of FAMU DRS. Stay safe, stay healthy and remember to wash your hands often. We are all in this together and I am hopeful we will see each other soon.

Sincerely,

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