March 20, 2020

Dear Students,

As Meredith continues our efforts to follow CDC and governmental recommendations to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, we wanted to share an important update, remind you about the measures you need to be taking, and share some examples of the preparations underway for classes to resume on Monday.

**Meredith College has had its first presumptive positive COVID-19 case reported among our student body.** The individual is a graduate student who traveled abroad and has not been on campus since early March. Our health services director is in contact with the student, and we are sending our best wishes for a full recovery.

Please continue to take prudent measures to avoid the spread of illness, including but not limited to:

- Wash hands and use hand sanitizer frequently
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Practice physical distancing. Avoid close contact and keep at least six feet between yourself and others.
- Avoid being in groups, but practice physical distancing if you are with others.

We also want you to know that your faculty and staff have been working hard during the extended spring break to ensure that you and all of our students still receive a strong education. Many are also finding new ways to support students. [Read our recent news story for just a few examples.](#)

While we are physically distant from each other this semester, Meredith’s community continues to be a strong one. Stay connected with us as we navigate this new way of being together while apart.

Be Well,

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