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Misericordia University COVID-19 Statement

After careful review of the best current information, Misericordia University has decided to continue online and remote instruction exclusively through the completion of the spring 2020 semester. The university will communicate directly and in the near future to students with any other needed information, including details for resident students on reclaiming their belongings from the residence halls. Only two weeks ago, we were hopeful that we could resume face-to-face operations this semester, but it is now clear that we, like most universities, cannot resume in the coming weeks a residential environment or in-person instruction. The university hopes that following this semester and a summer of courses taught entirely online, we will be able to return to our normal cycle of online and in-person courses for the Fall 2020 semester. We are monitoring the situation closely.

The university is also postponing the May 9, 2020 Commencement ceremonies on campus. A large gathering of this type would not be appropriate to ensure public health and safety. May graduates will be invited back to participate in the December 20, 2020 Commencement. Those eligible to graduate in May who successfully complete all the requirements of their degrees will still officially earn their diplomas in May.

“The Coronavirus (COVID-19) Crisis is an unprecedented event in our modern world. The pandemic has jeopardized the health and safety of millions around the world, and it has impacted our way of life and economic well-being,” says Thomas J. Botzman, Ph.D., president. “We extend our sincere sympathy for any family who faces health or economic challenges due to this pandemic. Our faculty, staff, students, and friends are making impressive efforts every day to continue the learning process and protect the public health.”