

# MSU extends spring break, delays student return until March 23

**Press Release** Thursday, March 12, that Citing an abundance of caution, Mississippi State University announced on March 16-22, as MSU con-



One of the obstacles that most hunters and fishermen dread is the wind. A light wind is not a factor – it’s even helpful, but a windy day is burdensome to the fishermen and causes most game to stay out of sight. Most of the time, I complain about the wind like everyone else. But there are a few circumstances where the wind actually adds excitement to the hunt and gives me the edge. One of those circumstances is when I’m turkey hunting. As you turkey hunters know, this particular bird has excellent sight and can distinguish colors as well. The least movement will turn an otherwise successful hunt into a what-if story. When the wind is still, I’m still, but when the wind blows, I use the opportunity to do a little stalking. I can remember on one of these mornings, I was able to crawl within fifteen yards of nine jakes without ever calling. And after they recognized something was not right, they came closer for some investigation. I could almost touch them with the end of my gun. Now that was exciting. Many times, we assume the worst when the wind is

involved. We use clichés like the “winds of change” or we offer encouragement by saying “keep the wind to your back,” as if a headwind is a negative thing. The truth is, most of our growth happens when the winds are against us. These gusts challenge our normal and comfortable way of doing things. They make us decide whether we will curse our circumstances or use them to find another way. They reveal to us our fears and our ability to adapt and overcome. They show us who or what is controlling our life. Perhaps the winds of difficulty are blowing against you right now. Perhaps it seems they are so strong your boat is standing still. It may be that God is simply causing you to move in another direction. Or it may be he is using these gusts to reveal to you a fear you need to relinquish. The wind can be your friend if you will always remember God is at its helm. He will determine its length and strength. He will use it to bring you new successes in different ways. And in doing this, he will cause you to have a greater trust in him.

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tinues to monitor the potential impacts of COVID-19 in Mississippi and makes additional operational plans. This class suspension applies to students only; faculty and staff will continue with normal operating procedures. “Our primary responsibility is to safeguard our students, faculty, and staff during this health crisis,” said MSU President Mark E. Keenum. “At this juncture, as COVID-19 is now a growing reality in Mississippi, this course of action is prudent and provides us the best opportunity to make the transitions necessary to most effectively meet our educational responsibilities as well.”

Keenum urged students, faculty and staff to exercise good judgment in reaction to this announcement. The university residence halls and dining facilities will be open for students who need to return to or remain on campus. Students may remain at home until in person classes resume. MSU is suspending all university-sponsored events and gatherings, including events sponsored by any registered student organization. This decision is based on current best practices regarding social distancing as a prevention strategy for disease transmission. This action is in keeping with guidance received from the Mississippi Board of Trustees of Institutions of Higher Learning. With no confirmed cases of coronavirus in the university commu-

nity, MSU will remain open March 16-22 for faculty and staff. All Mississippi public universities will extend Spring Break an additional week, which will allow faculty members time to prepare to take all classes online or other alternative means of instruction as part of a coordinated response approved by the State College Board. Classes will resume the following week, on Monday, March 23, and will be taught online and via other alternative instructional methods. MSU will continue to monitor this situation in the coming days. Students, faculty, staff and their families should monitor the msstate.edu website, MSU social media accounts and their email for updated information.

“The situation remains fluid and university plans are subject to change in response to new information and recommendations received,” said Commissioner of Higher Education Dr. Alfred Rankins Jr. “We continue to work with the Governor’s Task Force on Coronavirus and the Mississippi Department of Health as we develop our plans for the coming weeks and months. Our goal is to mitigate the risks posed by the coronavirus while maintaining the quality and integrity of the instructional programs.” In addition to coronavirus updates, resources for faculty and staff to teach and take courses online are available at <https://www.msstate.edu/coronavirus>. Questions can be addressed to [custserv@opa.msstate.edu](mailto:custserv@opa.msstate.edu).

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