



November 16, 2020

Dear Students,

In the last 24 hours, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services has put in place an emergency order which includes COVID-19 safety precautions that affect each and every one of us. As a place of higher education we believe it is important to follow state suggestions, recommendations and mandates while also serving you in the best way we know how.

Through the end of the fall semester, we will NOT be closing down our services to you. Starting Wednesday, November 18, 2020 classes will shift to a synchronous online learning environment. Class times will continue to stay scheduled as they currently are slated each week. However, we will continue to offer our student housing, dining, library, academic and athletic services including weekly faculty and staff office hours. Within the allowed exception for places of worship, Grace Christian University will hold chapel services as scheduled in Baker Chapel. Attendance will be optional and strictly limited to no more than 30 persons. An online video feed will be provided for remote chapel participation.

You are important to us, and we believe that the choice should be up to you on how you finish this semester. While some services might change around campus due to the state's emergency orders, we believe you can continue to live and thrive within our community or make the choice to attend classes off campus through virtual formats if you so choose..

Further language will be given regarding this emergency order and how it pertains to each service offered on campus through email and flyer communication avenues. As we continue to make great strides as a campus toward safety, now is not the time to slow our efforts. It's on each one of us to continue to double down on mask wearing, hand hygiene and distancing work to ensure a great finish. We are all weary of COVID-19, but it will not beat us! We will finish this semester strong by flourishing in the virtual classroom and taking care of one another.

In Him,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "KBohl".

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