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Dear LSSU Community:

Effective immediately: We are transitioning to a virtual format for all classes through the end of the Fall 2020 semester.

We are experiencing two water infrastructure issues: one in Crawford Hall and one in Osborn Hall. Although our Physical Plant staff are working diligently to make repairs, the Osborn Hall issue does not have a definitive resolution date and leaves Osborn with cold water service only.

Given the totality of our current situation - that is, our proximity to the completion of the semester and the ongoing health and safety considerations related to COVID-19, we have made the difficult decision to transition to virtual delivery for the balance of the Fall 2020 semester, including exams. This decision was made in consultation with the Provost, Dean of Student Affairs, and the Senior Management Team. Students should expect to hear from their respective instructors about completion of courses.

The residence halls and dining service will remain in operation for the balance of the semester, maintaining its previously published dates. For students residing on-campus, when you choose to leave for the semester, please complete the checkout form from your Residence Hall Coordinator and indicate the date and time that you intend to leave campus. Occupants of Osborn Hall who need to stay on-campus should contact the Housing Office at [housing@lssu.edu](mailto:housing@lssu.edu) if they need temporary relocation support.

From the start of the University's COVID-19 response, the safety of our students, faculty, and staff has been our top priority. This decision to complete the fall semester in a virtual format, though difficult to have made, is representative of that same, ongoing commitment.

We will continue to be in contact with the campus community in relation to this transition and to the spring semester ahead.

Be well and stay safe.

Sincerely,

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President