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*Spring Break extended Until March 18 as Preparations are Initiated*



BOILING SPRINGS, N.C.—Gardner-Webb University announced this week that all face-to-face classes will transition to online delivery for the remainder of the month. As nations around the world adapt to the impact of the Coronavirus pandemic, businesses practicing diligence in preparation and prevention measures stand the best chance at averting the spread.

Gardner-Webb is currently on Spring Break, and GWU President Dr. William Downs has extended break until March 18, so professors are able to implement the online transition of classes. Preparations began earlier this month as Gardner-Webb evaluated the possibility of conducting this educational delivery modification. The University will decide on or before April 1 if face-to-face classes in all locations will resume in the traditional format.

“We remain deeply committed to the educational journey of our students as they focus on completing this semester,” said Downs. “During this most unusual time in the life of our University and the disruption of normal schedules and practices, please remember our greatest concern is for the health and safety of the campus community.”

Students, faculty and staff received notification by email, text and phone of the changes and the impact this transition could have on their interactions with campus. Students needing access to campus facilities for any reason were also provided directions. GWU has continued to offer updates, advisories, precautionary measures and guidelines regarding the Coronavirus and its potential impact on the community. A [Coronavirus information page](#) on the University website has continued to post updates, and the University community has received direct communication for any items pertinent to the potential impact on campus life.

Gardner-Webb's main facilities are not closed at this time, and faculty and staff will continue to work from campus. Other previously scheduled public events and activities will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis. The Inauguration of President William Downs, originally scheduled for March 27, will be postponed until a later date. Gardner-Webb will adhere to public health safety guidelines and recommendations regarding large gatherings.

"We are a community built around our faith and committed to one another and to our brothers and sisters around the country and the world. They are in our prayers today and every day, as we confront this challenge," added Downs.

The University is working collaboratively with local, state and national leaders. Gardner-Webb will continue to provide updates as they become available to the campus community.

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