

To All AgCenter Faculty and Staff,

The message below from President Galligan went out to LSU A&M faculty and staff just a short time ago.

We are working closely with the LSU System and other state officials to determine what additional actions may be required to ensure the health and safety of each of you and those we serve, while mitigating the long-term impact to our operations statewide. We will have additional information and clarification on many of your questions after our morning call with LSU System Administrators.

Thank you all for your support and work.

Until later,  
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Dear LSU Family,

Today, Governor John Bel Edwards issued a statewide stay-at-home order that requires all Louisianans to shelter at home except for essential tasks beginning at 5 p.m. on Monday. This action will help combat the spread of the novel coronavirus affecting many of our friends and neighbors. It is our responsibility to make sure that each and every one of us complies with the letter and spirit of the order. You all have been fabulous so far and I know you will keep it going. We all have a role to play in limiting the spread of the virus and keeping our state's health care system from becoming overwhelmed at this critical time. I firmly

reiterate LSU's commitment to fighting COVID-19 and protecting the health of our community.

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Order, we will close campus except for an extremely limited number of essential personnel and those students who have received permission from Residential Life to remain in on-campus housing. Student residents will receive a separate, more detailed email from Residential Life with details soon. Of course, we are committed to providing a clean and safe environment for students who remain on campus and we will continue to provide essential services to those who must remain.

Please review the governor's [order](#) online and adhere to it. Also, please continue practicing appropriate hygiene such as washing your hands with soap and water at regular intervals, covering your coughs, limiting close contact with others and disinfecting common, shared objects. Reducing your exposure to other people is the only way to control the spread of this virus. I know that you will continue to take this pandemic seriously. Please continue to visit [lsu.edu/coronavirus](http://lsu.edu/coronavirus) and follow LSU's official social media channels in order to keep up with the latest information and resources.

Our top priority is the health and safety of each member of our LSU community. Each day, I'm inspired by your dedication and resilience in the face of this challenge and with continued courage, calmness, compassion and cleanliness, we will get through this together. As I said earlier, achieving success is our responsibility and it is a crucial responsibility. The well-being of the world is truly on our shoulders but we carry the load together. Even though we are at home and staying six feet apart—we are still together.

Warmly,

Tom Galligan  
LSU Interim President