



Appalachian School of Law

Statement on COVID-19 – Novel Coronavirus

March 26, 2020

Dear ASL Students, Faculty, and Staff:

ASL continues to monitor the developing situation with COVID-19 and take steps to increase the safety of the ASL community. Please review the following relevant information:

- On March 23, Governor Northam ordered that all recreational businesses in Virginia close and that restaurants utilize take-out service only. Retail businesses are permitted to remain open only if they provide essential services. Colleges and Universities were not ordered to close, but the continued use of telecommuting as much as possible and social distancing measures are recommended. The restriction on more than 10 people in a single meeting remains in place. The full text of the order can be found at the following link: [https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/executive-actions/EO-53-Temporary-Restrictions-Due-To-Novel-Coronavirus-\(COVID-19\).pdf](https://www.governor.virginia.gov/media/governorvirginiagov/executive-actions/EO-53-Temporary-Restrictions-Due-To-Novel-Coronavirus-(COVID-19).pdf)
- In light of the additional stress and schedule complications the pandemic has placed upon students, ASL has temporarily waived the usual restrictions on withdrawing from courses. Until April 3, students are permitted to withdraw from any course they feel they are not in a position to complete successfully in light of the situation. Please keep in mind, however, if you withdraw from a required course, you will need to retake the course and complete all other graduation requirements, including 93 total credit hours, prior to graduation. Additionally, please keep in mind that some courses are prerequisites for courses in subsequent semesters. Finally, you should also keep in mind that there may be financial aid implications if you reduce your course load. For most students, at least six credit hours are required to be eligible for financial aid. Some students, including those receiving veterans' benefits, may have a higher credit hour requirement. Please contact Beth Stanley (bstanley@asl.edu) to withdraw from a course and David Brookshire (dbrookshire@asl.edu) regarding financial aid.

ASL continues to implement the following policy regarding domestic and international travel for students, faculty, and staff.

- Students, faculty, and staff who travel more than 50 miles from campus and then return to Grundy must disclose the locations they have travelled to before returning to campus.

- Anyone that meets this criteria should send an email to Susie Gibson (sgibson@asl.edu) identifying locations to which they have travelled.
- Students, faculty, and staff that have travelled more than 50 miles from campus or been visited by someone coming from more than 50 miles from campus; that are coming from high risk areas; or from areas with substantial community spread of COVID-19 may be asked to provide a health screening and self-quarantine for 14 days before returning to campus.

As a reminder, the CDC recommends that everyone avoid discretionary travel at this time and many states have issued stay at home orders.

Campus facilities remain open. Consistent with CDC guidelines, all students, faculty, and staff should not come to campus, regardless of travel, if they:

1. Are 65 years old or older, or have underlying medical conditions, or
2. Are experiencing symptoms consistent with COVID-19 (fever, dry cough, or other flu-like symptoms)

Students, faculty, and staff wishing to access campus facilities will need to have their temperatures checked upon entering campus.

- Temperature checks will be 7 days a week from 8:30 – 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. until further notice.
- Students, faculty, and staff who have not had their temperatures checked for the day will be asked to leave campus and return when checks are next available.
- Students, faculty, and staff who have a temperature of over 99 degrees Fahrenheit must remain off campus for 24 hours after they no longer register a 99 degree temperature and have not taken any medication to reduce it for 24 hours.

Thank you,

Justice (ret.) Elizabeth A. McClanahan
Dean