

February 15, 2021

**MSU Community:**

Our region, community, and campus have experienced repetitive days of inclement weather, power outages, and modified operations. Unfortunately, in observing weather reports for this week we may have several more inclement days ahead of us. Just as we have over the past few months of managing COVID, we ask for everyone's patience and for your teamwork in managing this weather.

Tuesday, February 16:

All University locations will be closed. Students should refer to email/Blackboard communication from instructors for any updates related to online/hybrid courses.

Wednesday, February 17:

Pre-scheduled 'instructional break' for students; all academic classes in-person and online are cancelled.

Students:

We encourage you to remain inside your residence hall as much as possible and stay tuned to MSU media for communications this week. Also, please continue to check your MSU email and course Blackboard sites for communication from instructors. Instructors may periodically post items online if they are able to and may communicate with you periodically relative to your course(s). We do understand that some areas of our region continue to have power outages, and in that case please communicate with your instructor when/if you are able to do so.

Employees:

Thank you for your assistance as well. Over the past few days a number of offices and units have pitched in and gone above-and-beyond in helping us virtually maintain necessary operations -- and it is appreciated. We hope that you will continue to assist virtually on Tuesday to the degree you are able and willing.

Our University will remain open on Wednesday of this week, but no academic classes will meet in-person or online per our pre-scheduled 'instructional break' for students. Our Vice Presidents and other direct Presidential reports will be communicating with employees who will be needed on campus Wednesday to assist with operational needs. All employees who are not asked by a Vice President/supervisor to report to campus on Wednesday should plan to work virtually/remotely. Employees who received a Covid-19 test and are on record with Human Resources as doing so are entitled to a paid break day this Wednesday -- and are not required to work on campus or virtually.

Please continue to check our MSU website, text alerts, social media, and other outlets for up-to-date weather information. Let's all remain flexible, patient, and work together as a team to safely push through this weather.

Stay safe,

Dr. Jay Morgan  
President