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Dear Mid-State Students,

Thank you for your continued patience and attention. As communicated in Dr. Shelly Mondeik's <u>message</u>, Mid-State campus locations are currently closed through Sunday, April 12. Academic classes and student services will be offered virtually (online) when possible beginning Monday, March 30. As a reminder, you will be hearing from your faculty regarding alternative delivery for your classes by Friday, March 20 (if you haven't already). Here are a few resources available to you during this time.

Academic Resources

- Bookstore: You can place an order for your books and other course materials online at <a href="https://bookstore.mstc.edu/">https://bookstore.mstc.edu/</a> to be shipped to you.
- Laptops: We plan on having a limited supply of loaned laptops for program students to checkout through our closure of April 12 and to support the move to virtual learning during this time. To reserve a laptop, please complete the following form at <a href="https://www.mstc.edu/form/student-laptop-request">https://www.mstc.edu/form/student-laptop-request</a>. Laptops will be available for pickup Friday, March 27 or Monday, March 30 at the Wisconsin Rapids Campus. After completing the request, you will be notified within 24-48 hours if your request is able to be fulfilled due to the limited number available.
  - These laptops will have access to Microsoft Office and the internet. No special software will be included.
- Internet Options: <u>Spectrum</u> and <u>TDS</u> are offering free internet to students for 60 days.
- Online Learning Information:
  - Getting Started in Blackboard - <u>https://mstc.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=7a81d028-4b5e-4237-b473-<u>ab7d01412f22</u>
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  - Getting Started in Blackboard Collaborate - <u>https://mstc.hosted.panopto.com/Panopto/Pages/Viewer.aspx?id=366c7b4b-89da-4481-b6c9-ab7d013b2cb7</u>
- I-CARE Support Line: Have an urgent college question that you need answered? Please call our I-CARE Support Line at 715-422-5430.
- Mid-State Website: Additional resources to help you can be found online at <u>www.mstc.edu</u>.

Community Resources

- Food Pantries: See attached document.
- Crisis Support Lines: If you are in emotional distress and in crisis, please call the Mental Health Crisis Line for:
  - Portage County: 1-866-317-9362
  - o <u>Wood County</u> Marshfield 715-384-5555 Wisconsin Rapids 715-421-2345
  - o Adams County 608-339-4504 or after hours 608-339-3304
  - OR Text "HOPELINE" to 741741 for text support

We are here to help you. We will be providing additional information next week about how to access our virtual services. Please continue to check your email and the <u>college website</u> for future updates.

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