



## **Residential Program Update**

COVID-19 Update

March 16, 2020

Dear Residential Prep Community,

We appreciate the way the Prep community has supported our school during these uncertain times. We remain committed to regular communication as the COVID-19 situation evolves to provide ongoing information and support to our students and families.

### **Saint Michael Hall**

We have no plans to close Saint Michael Hall. Our residence hall provides 24/7 coverage of staff, multiple daily check-in's, and quick access to medical facilities as needed with our local hospital. We expect Saint Michael Hall to remain open.

We have a residency history of a requirement that all boarding students live in Saint Michael hall, even while the academic building is closed. We strongly recommend that students who remain in the United States stay either in Saint Michael Hall or with immediate family in the Minnesota area. We are not under quarantine, and as such expect that any students studying on an F-1 visa be under our guidance at the Residence Hall.

Saint Michael Hall is cleaned regularly with an outside company that works in over 60 hospitals. They have upgraded their disinfectant to make sure to clean all "touchpoints" in both villages, and bathrooms.

Food access will continue through the school's shift to online learning. The University Refectory must remain open to serve our monastic community. Dining Services has implemented many changes in recent days, including shifting from buffet style to individual servings. Please utilize your meal plans to eat at the university dining facilities.

[CentraCare](#) is our local health system. If any of our students need medical care, we will utilize their facilities. If you have any questions or concerns, I also highly recommend this [virtual assessment](#).

If a student tests positive for COVID-19, our leadership team will activate a quarantine plan that will allow for the Residence Hall to remain open. At this time, no boarding students are exhibiting any of the signs or symptoms listed by the CDC.

**Family Departure**

Many families have chosen to bring their students home. This is entirely up to each family, and we respect that choice. For our part, we will provide online resources and continue to support their academics through e-learning.

**Contact Us**

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions you may have. The best way to reach all the residential staff in the coming weeks is via email. [Sjpdormstaff@csbsju.edu](mailto:Sjpdormstaff@csbsju.edu). We have created a page on our website that includes our communication as well as links to other resources.

The care for our students and the Prep community is our top priority. To help us make future decisions in protecting our students, please notify our office if anyone in your household is diagnosed with COVID-19.

We recognize that the student experience and learning opportunity with eLearning differs from the way we traditionally instruct. As a Prep community, we are deeply committed to learning together, adjusting as needed and continuing the tradition of great teaching and learning at Saint John's Prep.

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