Questions on how a Stay-at-Home order affects WSSU operations:

**How does this affect university operations?**
These orders should not and have not resulted in any significant changes for university operations, given the educational functions authorized in these orders and our reduced operations already at WSSU and across the UNC System.

**Is WSSU’s campus now closed?**
No, WSSU will remain open; however, many in-person services have been drastically reduced or shifted to a virtual presence. Please check for [hours of operation for essential services](https://example.com).

**Are students able to stay in residence halls?**
Yes, students who have previously been granted an exception may remain in the residence halls. You should follow all state orders and treat your residence hall as your home.

**Should I come to campus if I was deemed COVID-mandatory?**
Staff should consult with their supervisor to determine how this new order affects your work. Essential operations of the university must continue, and some employees who have been designated as COVID-mandatory should still report to work as instructed by their supervisor. Employees who are not essential and not COVID-mandatory should remain at home and follow instructions for completing telework assignments when appropriate.

**What should I say if I am stopped by law enforcement on the way to campus?**
Please ensure you carry your WSSU employee identification card at all times and indicate you are an essential employee at WSSU on your way to or from work.

**What does “stay-at-home” mean?**
A stay-at-home order is an order by a government entity to enforce social distancing and prevent the spread of infectious disease. It is not the same as a “seek shelter” order that is often issued in severe weather. You do not need to relocate to a basement or other shelter location. In a stay-at-home order, the act of going outside isn’t inherently dangerous, but you may be putting yourself and others in danger by being too close to other people and spreading contagions.

**What is the difference between stay-at-home and social distancing?**
Stay at home is a more stringent form of social distancing.
- **Staying at home** means: Stay home and only go out for “essential activities,” to work for an “essential business,” or for “essential travel” as those terms are defined in the order.
- **Social distancing** means: Stay six feet or more away from others and do not attend or participate in public or private gatherings.
**How long will it last?**
This order is for 30 days and goes into effect on Monday, March 30, at 5 p.m. This will be regularly reviewed and evaluated and can be amended, revised or extended by state officials.

**Who does it apply to?**
This order applies to all residents of the State of North Carolina. If a county in which you reside has already or issues a county-level stay-at-home order, the more restrictive order will take precedence.

**What kind of places will still be open?**
The order permits the following businesses to remain open:
- Restaurants that provide take-out, drive-thru, or delivery
- Grocery stores
- ABC stores and beer and wine stores
- Doctors and other healthcare providers
- Pharmacies
- Hardware stores
- Post offices
- Office supply stores
- Gas stations and convenience stores
- Veterinarians and pet supply stores
- Hotels, airlines, buses, taxis, and rideshare services
- Places of worship
- Child care providers (that are following the required NCDHHS procedures)

**Can I leave my home to visit friends or family members?**
Individuals may leave their homes to care for a family member or friend, or to help their family member or friend get essential goods or receive necessary health care. Individuals should not visit with friends or family members if there is no urgent need.