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Weekly Horoscopes

Star Signer

March 30, 2020

The stars are here to send good vibes this week dear star children. The pandemic may be in the minds of many but the universe is here to ease your fears.

ARIES

Have you tried hand sanitizer as a perfume Aries? Even standing six feet away, you can attract many. We suggest testing this out at a nearby bike path where people are social distancing.

TAURUS

Has quarantine and chill been less than exciting Taurus? The universe sees your boredom and sending you creative thoughts. Have you ever considered learning how to beatbox? Now is the time.

GEMINI

Are you tired of being asked to wash your hands Gemini? We know it's very mundane. No one reminds you to use lotion. Start carrying lotion to cease the dry skin.

CANCER

Self-isolation has been difficult for everyone Cancer but you know what you can still do? Zoom conference your friends. Enjoy that wine with DeWine this week with your friends and talk about who has watched the most episodes of Friends.

LEO

You might be six feet apart from you SO dear Leo but they are close to you in your heart. Use this quarantine time to write a letter or make a card expressing your love. Then get creative with how to deliver it. A drone? A pigeon? That is up to you.

VIRGO

Quarantine might have you feeling cooped up and bored Virgo. The stars see your struggles. Try rearranging your room and house! Go for some new tranquil look. You can even buy furniture on Amazon.

LIBRA

Has your coworker sniffing on the Zoom calls been driving you crazy Libra? At least you don't have to sit next to them! Take a walk for your lunch break and see the flowers bloom. Adventure is out there for your 30-minute break.

SCORPIO

Quarantine is a perfect time to learn a new language Scorpio! Pick up something new and test your skills on Duolingo. The little green bird may haunt your dreams but it will help you finally learn Japanese. The next Zoom conference, you'll be able to wow people.

SAGITTARIUS

This week Sagittarius a meteor will cross your line of vision, this shooting star is a sign from the universe. Don't give up on your dreams during quarantine. You can still become the next top model. The stars suggest starting a TikTok to document your outfit choices.

CAPRICORN

The stars suggest getting creative with your work out routine Capricorn. Don't use the quarantine as an excuse! Unearth that old razor scooter from your childhood and get scooting.

AQUARIUS

The universe sees how sad you have been without Thirsty Thursdays Aquarius. Transform your kitchen and living room into a club! Be your own bartender and bouncer. Facetime your friends and have a dance party with your dog. Close enough?

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PISCES

This week Pisces the universe suggests taking it slow. You've been stressed about the number of times you should wash your hands and hiding inside. Take a walk and have a picnic in the park. Pet a dog. Live your life like there isn't a virus out to get us.

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Wright State summer courses to be taught online

Sarah Cavender

March 30, 2020

In a communication email sent on Monday, Wright State University will move summer courses to remote learning.

“State public health officials anticipate that restrictions on face-to-face activities will extend into the summer months due to the continuing COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, nearly all summer semester courses offered by Wright State University will be provided by remote delivery only,” according to the email.

Students can still register for summer courses for the A and B term.

Summer A term and C term (full semester) begin May 11.

Summer B term begins June 22. Registration for summer courses is ongoing through WINGS Express.

There are exceptions to the remote learning.

According to the email this includes:

- Clinicals
- Practicals
- Internships
- Other field experiences

Students in the School of Professional Psychology and the Boonshoft School of Medicine also are exempt from this announcement.

Students with questions are recommended to contact their academic advisor, department chair, or faculty member teaching the course.

Academic advisor’s name can be found by going to wright.edu/advising and following the instructions in the “Find Your Primary Advisor” section.

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Laker Life: Local man's body found in Grand Lake Saint Marys
Roxanne Roessner
March 31, 2020

Tré Billger was reported missing on Feb. 21 and been unaccounted for since Feb. 18. On Tuesday, March 17, Tré's body was recovered by the Celina Fire Department Dive Team.

Celina police received the initial call just after 7 p.m. of the body near the shoreline along South Main Street at the lighthouse.

No new autopsy results have been released and it will take several weeks to be completed.

Tré Billger

Tré was 26 years old and the son of Deliha (Thomas) Kremer and Shawn Billger – both Celina residents.

He was employed at the Chouraku Japanese Steakhouse in Celina. He was step-father to Calvin and Hailey Seals, the children of his girlfriend, Maggie Mott.

Since his disappearance, there has been a fundraiser created by his father. The community has raised \$6,390 of the \$10,000 goal. The proceeds will go towards funeral expenses.

On March 20, family and friends had a candlelight vigil in his memory. At 9 p.m. they met at the lighthouse where his body was recovered.

"We'd like to thank the community for everything. We want to thank the police department, the fire department, the divers that went down, the pilots, the people that helped us search," said Kremer. "We'd like to thank everyone."

Funeral service

Because of the current coronavirus epidemic, those who were not immediate family were unable to attend the funeral in person. However, there is a recording on LehmanDzendzelFh.com for those who were wanting to pay their respects.

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People who attended the online funeral service were able to light candles for Tré and plant trees in his memory. Those who were unable to attend were encouraged to play “Sunflower” by Post Malone in his memory.

“Help us keep his memory alive and honor him by helping each other and showing each other love. Let go of any hate in your heart. That’s the legacy that we want to make out of this travesty,” said Kremer.

How to help

People wanting to help are asked to pray for investigators by the family. People are encouraged to give any information they have about the situation to the Celina Police Department during this time. If they do not want their names in a discovery packet, they are asked to submit the information anonymously.

“We just want answers. We’re not looking to get somebody in trouble with somebody else. We just want to know what actually happened” said Kremer.

The family would like to pray for those who last saw him to come forward, along with those who may have been involved. The investigation is still ongoing.

If anyone has information pertaining to the situation, please contact Celina Police Department at 419-586-2345.

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“Persona 5:” The perfect game to play right now (spoiler-free)

Trey Brown

March 31, 2020

“Persona 5” is a Japanese role-playing game that allows players to take control of the main protagonist, who eventually goes by Joker (no, not that one.)

The game is the perfect one to be playing right now, as it requires the player to fulfill the responsibilities of a second-year high school student (Joker.) This means hanging out with friends, going to the theater to watch movies, getting a job at a convince store and so much more.

The game incentivizes these activities through the bonds that are forged as a result. For example, one of the first friends that your character meets in the game is the misunderstood Ryuji Sakamoto.

Throughout my 47-hour play through (still haven’t finished the game), I’ve seen the bond between my character and his grow in great lengths.

I’ve seen this through the many turn-based dungeon battles that we’ve fought together, which is the whole other half of “Persona 5.”

This other half of the game sees you, and the friends you make along the way, become the infamous Phantom Thieves of Hearts, which is where the combat comes in.

If you don’t bond with the people in Joker’s life, like his legal guardian, his friends, a shady medical practitioner, or an even shadier journalist, just to name a few, then you’ll fair poorly in these fights.

Socializing is at the center of the game mechanics here, which is a big reason that I feel it’s the perfect game to be playing right now.

If I needed another reason to feel that this is the best game to play now, I’d point to the amount of game available here. As I mentioned earlier, I’m 47 hours into this game and I’m not even close to completing the story.

Some potential players may see this as a red flag.

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Who'd want to play such a long game?

“Persona 5” is a Japanese role-playing game that allows players to take control of the main protagonist, who eventually goes by Joker (no, not that one.) Normally I'd agree, but in this case, “Persona 5” is just that good. Not to mention that there isn't much to do right now anyway.

The soundtrack is also a masterpiece.

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NCAA allows extension of eligibility for athletes

Makenzie Hoeflerlin

March 31, 2020

On Monday, March 30, the Division I Council voted to give each individual school the ability to give spring-sport athletes an extension of eligibility.

Extended eligibility

This vote allows spring-sport athletes another year of competition. It also extends playing eligibility for seniors who lost their last season of competition due to the coronavirus outbreak.

“The Council’s decision gives individual schools the flexibility to make decisions at a campus level,” said Council Chair M. Grace Calhoun, athletics director at the University of Pennsylvania. “The Board of Governors encouraged conferences and schools to take action in the best interest of student-athletes and their communities, and now schools have the opportunity to do that.”

According to the press release, it is up to the individual schools to decide whether to grant this eligibility or not.

Winter sports are not included in this decision as they have already completed most of their seasons, according to the release.

WSU decision

Wright State has not yet made a decision, but they are working closely with all parties involved to come to a conclusion.

“We are appreciative of the NCAA Division I Council’s swift actions in allowing for an additional season for our spring sport student-athletes and for permitting schools to make their own determinations on how to best proceed,” said the Wright State University Department of Athletics. “There are still details to be ironed out, and we will work closely with both our coaches and student-athletes as we move forward in this process.”

Other changes

Members of the Division I Council made several other changes as well.

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Financial rules have been adjusted to allow for more players on scholarships. This is to adjust for incoming recruits and players who decide to stay and play an additional year.

The council also decided to increase the roster limit in baseball.

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Joe Biden's path to democratic frontrunner since South Carolina
Ethan Gilliam
March 31, 2020

Former Vice President Joe Biden had a rough start to his presidential run as he did not win the first three state primaries of Iowa, New Hampshire and Nevada.

However, the fourth state primary in South Carolina started his streak of success and began his path to democratic frontrunner for president of the United States.

On February 29, South Carolina was the last state to vote before Super Tuesday, where 15 states vote for their preferred presidential candidate, and Biden won by a margin of 20 points.

Biden continued this success on Super Tuesday and won 10 of 15 states, including the second biggest state for grabs, Texas.

Biden performed well for a couple of reasons.

The first is that Biden had massive momentum going into Super Tuesday, completely dominating every other candidate in South Carolina.

Second, Biden does extremely well with southern states and minority voters, and states such as Alabama, Arkansas and Texas were voting on Super Tuesday, helping Biden receive key delegates he needed to become the frontrunner.

The last and very important reason that Biden did well on Super Tuesday is that candidates South Bend, Ind. Mayor Pete Buttigieg and Senator Amy Klobuchar dropped out before Super Tuesday and endorsed Biden (alongside former candidate Congressman Beto O'Rourke) in Texas the night before the very important election day.

Biden used this very successful Super Tuesday to further cement his lead as the frontrunner. Since then, he has won eight of the 11 primaries, including Florida and Michigan, which both have many delegates. As of March 29, Biden currently has 1,183 delegates, a 312-delegate advantage over Senator Bernie Sanders' 871.

Sanders since South Carolina

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Sanders had a very successful first three primaries, as he won New Hampshire and Nevada and came in second in Iowa to Pete Buttigieg (Sanders won the popular vote but lost in delegates) and was frontrunner leading in delegates until Super Tuesday.

On Super Tuesday, he only won four of the 15 states (Colorado, Utah, Vermont and California, the state with the most delegates.)

Sanders did not do well in southern states.

He underperformed on Super Tuesday for two major reasons. One, Senator Elizabeth Warren, the candidate most like Sanders and his platform, remained in the race for Super Tuesday. Second, the biggest reason was young voter turnout. Sanders' platform relies on the turnout of Millennials and Generation Z as his progressivism appeals to the younger population but hurts him with older generations.

Since Super Tuesday, Sanders has won three of 11 primaries which has awarded him 21 delegates total. Sanders intends to participate in in the April Democratic Debate and future

primaries, but if he does not soon begin to mount a comeback, Biden will be the democratic nominee competing against President Trump in November.

Future primaries

The United States' next primaries are currently scheduled for April 7 in Wisconsin, April 10 in Alaska and April 17 in Wyoming.

Connecticut, Delaware and Indiana have moved their primaries to June 2. Ohio originally moved theirs to June 2, but it is now scheduled for April 28. Most states have followed by changing their primary date to June 2, but others have pushed theirs back to late May (Hawaii and Georgia), and some have pushed farther than June 2 (Louisiana).

The discussion to have either regular voting or to have every person mail in their ballot with their votes, as Wisconsin is suggesting, is an attempt to try to continue social distancing.

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Music Review: Kelsea by Kelsea Ballerini
Maxwell Patton
April 1, 2020

American country singer Kelsea Ballerini released her third studio album “Kelsea” on March 20.

Its release was preceded by the single “Homecoming Queen?” with the second single, “The Other Girl,” featuring Halsey, released on April 20. Kenny Chesney is also featured on the album, contributing vocals to the track “Half of my Hometown.”

“Kelsea” is a refreshingly relatable look at country-pop stardom, with Ballerini showcasing her vulnerability through an honest songwriting voice that makes her incredibly relatable.

It’s a collection of catchy country-pop songs with a few ballads that are sure to leave you smiling at the end of it all.

Highlights

1. “Hole in the Bottle”

Beginning and ending with a tongue-in-cheek sample about drinking, the singer shows that she’s just like any normal person who might get lost in a glass of wine or two. This is a catchy tune and it’ll have you singing along in no time.

2. “LA”

Certainly the most reflective track on the album, “Kelsea” closes with Ballerini pondering her relationship with the city of Los Angeles. It’s a beautiful tune and her voice suits the melody well.

3. “Bragger”

This song has total control of its swagger and it’s a real bop. Ballerini boasts about her husband, fellow country singer Morgan Evans, through a catchy instrumental that will no doubt get stuck in your head.

Background

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Ballerini started pursuing a career in music at a young age.

She signed a record deal with Black River Entertainment at 19 and dropped her debut single, “Love Me Like You Mean It,” in July 2014.

Her self-titled debut extended play was released in November of that year and included five songs that would later be put on her debut album.

CMT proclaimed her one of their Next Women of Country the same year and she performed at the Grand Ole Opry in early 2015.

In May 2015, Ballerini’s debut studio album, “The First Time,” was released. “Love Me Like You Mean It” reached the top position on Billboard’s Country Airplay chart and Ballerini became the first female country artist to have a debut single in that position since Carrie Underwood’s “Jesus, Take The Wheel” in 2006.

Her second studio album, “Unapologetically,” was released in November 2017, reaching the number seven position on the Billboard 200 chart.

Ballerini mentioned that her third album was finished in July 2019, disclosing the title and release date in January 2020. The next month saw the album’s track list revealed.

I’m normally not a fan of country music, but I do like Ballerini as an artist. Her personality and energy are infectious, and those qualities reveal themselves all throughout “Kelsea.”

These showcases include the wine-drunk tune “Hole in the Bottle” and the charming “The Way I Used To.” Ballerini commands these tracks with a spirited and twangy voice and the finished product is a wonderful mix that will show the listener the core of what makes Ballerini the person she is today.

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Nutter Center possible location for hospital beds

Marissa Couch

April 1, 2020

A brief Board of Trustees meeting was held and streamed on Saturday, March 28. The stream was available to the public, as the board planned to address the most recent coronavirus updates.

Wright State University President Dr. Sue Edwards followed the timeline of the state's mandated orders of the last few weeks, giving a recap of what administration has been busy putting into place.

“The last 18 days have been unprecedented, to say the least,” said Dr. Edwards.

She thanked the community for monitoring the situation and explained that no one could have anticipated the coronavirus hitting as close to home as it has.

Edwards explained that planning began as early as Jan. 28 when two Ohioans tested negative for the virus. It wasn't until March 10 that Ohio was officially placed on a state of emergency.

This was the day that Ohio State University cancelled in-person classes. The following day, March 11, is when WSU announced that they would do the same.

Edwards explained that the Nutter Center is available for overflow for local hospitals. In the situation that it must be utilized, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will step in and prepare the venue for use.

More accommodations include granting temporary licensure for nursing and medical students to begin practicing if they have completed all requirements. Healthcare workers are in extreme demand at this time. Once the crisis is over, students will be placed to receive their permanent licensure later on.

Trustee Douglas Fecher asked Edwards how the board could best support her during this time, in which Edwards ensured that everyone has been very responsive, but these decisions have had to be made quickly to follow Gov. Mike DeWine's orders.

“No decisions are made in isolation,” said Edwards.

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Trustee Sean Fitzpatrick proposed a resolution that gives Edwards more authority at this time, trustee Bridges seconded the motion.

The vote was unanimous, granting the university president additional authority during a state of emergency.

The terms will be further evaluated at the next scheduled board meeting on April 30.

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Wright State professor speaks on family in Italy amid coronavirus

Shaddia Qasem

April 1, 2020

With the broad diversity of students, faculty and staff on the Wright State University campus, the current global situation is one that hits home for members of the WSU community.

Professor of Modern Languages Rosalba Nickelman, who has family in Italy, touched on the situation in her home country.

‘There are days I wish I was there with them’

“I have been shocked by what is going on there in the past month or two. Everything happened and got out of control very fast, and everybody has had a very hard time adjusting to the shock and to the gradually increasing isolation measures that the government is still imposing,” said Nickelman.

With family and friends spread all over Italy in Bologna, Naples and Trento, mostly living in big cities, accessibility to necessities such as grocery stores, health centers and hospitals is not a concern.

“I am really heartbroken for my country and for what Italians are going through. There are days that I wish I was there with them, even though the situation is dramatic. I hope here in the states we learn a lesson from their misfortune. And I hope that here in Ohio, we all try to respect the governor’s regulation for social distance, etc. to slow down the rate of how this virus is spreading,” said Nickelman.

Although the family are in a safe place and have what they need, the lack of socialization is difficult. Not being able to visit their next-door neighbor, enjoy their local bar or coffee shop or go shopping, and requiring video calls and social media to be the main source of communication for the time being has had a big impact on Nickelman’s family. Embracing the situation with creativity as an alternative to being together, the Italian people have gotten innovative and organized flash mobs as well as sing from their balconies.

Socializing during quarantine

Not being able to visit their next-door neighbor, enjoy their local bar or coffee shop or go shopping, and requiring technology to be the main source of communication, for the time being, has had a big impact on Nickelman’s family.

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“Quarantine is rough for the average Italian,” said Nickelman.

“They are very social and their daily habits reinforce a much closer exchange and social interaction. Most of my relatives and friends live in apartment buildings, they are on top of each other, literally and psychologically.”

Even with the situation not improving and the impact of strict government regulations, there are people that continue to go out and not quarantine themselves.

Despite the current situation, communication with her family is not a struggle.

“Thanks to technology and social media, I get to talk to my family and friends as often as I want.”

4 ways to hang out with people while social distancing

Shaddia Qasem

April 1, 2020

After several weeks, many have quickly found that social distancing is not an easy task.

Whether you're cooped up with the same people and need new interactions or haven't physically talked to someone in weeks, there is no better time than now to make new friends and acquaintances.

Here are a few ways to have social interactions while maintaining social distance.

Be outside

While social distancing, it's easy to forget that you can still go outside; everyone is doing it. Neighborhoods and sidewalks are more frequented now that people can't go to the gym to get their exercise in. Enjoy the spring weather and sit out on your front porch/yard or take a walk around the neighborhood and give a friendly hello to any neighbor you see.

Befriend a neighbor

Starting a conversation isn't difficult, just say hello. If you're outside and you see that your next-door neighbor is also outside, strike up a conversation. With today's technology, the ability to play a game is at your fingertips. Find a game or app on your phone that you both will enjoy and virtually play while physically being together at an appropriate distance.

Have a cookout

Cookouts are a great way to enjoy the outdoors and provide a certain peace of mind. If you're able, pick a warm day to get the family together and make memories. Instead of eating at a table or going back inside, grab a couple blankets, lay them out and have an at-home picnic.

Turn indoor activities into outdoor activities

Whether it be chores or to relax, getting some natural vitamin D is important during a time where being inside is advised.

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Folding laundry, doing homework, studying, painting, coloring or any activity that can be done outside is a great help in uplifting a person's mood.

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President Edwards to host live WebEx discussion

Shaddia Qasem

April 1, 2020

Wright State President Sue Edwards announced on Tuesday she will be hosting an online Q&A with the campus community. With the developments of the coronavirus impacting campus, the goal is to answer any questions that students may have.

In an email sent out to the rest of the university, President Edwards announced a live WebEx drop-in where participants can discuss their questions and concerns regarding the university.

The discussion will take place on Apr. 1 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. and Apr. 2 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Participants can join the discussion through the [WebEx link](#) or via phone by calling 1-415-655-0003 using the access code 478 215 842.

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Dayton's Not Dead: How to get out of the house without leaving the house

Marissa Couch

April 2, 2020

Coronavirus has forced everyone into their homes during the transition away from winter, in which most people have already been suffering through cabin fever.

Despite not being able to leave, there are still ways to get away from home virtually.

Columbus Zoo

The Columbus Zoo has posted livestreams for viewers to check in on their favorite exhibits at this time. The webpage informs viewers of prime activity time, as well as fun things to look for in the different exhibits.

Cincinnati Zoo

The Cincinnati Zoo offers similar livestreams but has also been streaming daily on their Facebook page, highlighting different animals and offering in-home activities for viewers to partake in.

Both local zoos are asking for donations at this time since the lack of admission revenue is causing an impact.

Broadway Livestreams

In response to the world staying at home, BroadwayHD made the call to offer a seven free-day trial and an option for a \$8.99 monthly subscription to watch high definition Broadway musicals and plays from the comfort of your home.

Boonshoft Museum of Discovery

Boonshoft at Home is a service that the museum is offering to keep viewers engaged. The programs run at 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. The morning program highlights science and the afternoon program is a virtual museum experience. This is perfect for children and curious adults alike.

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Wright State University Recreation

WSU's recreation center is offering online classes at regularly scheduled times, starting March 30. This includes yoga, circuit courses and high-intensity interval workouts. These classes are available for those of any level of experience.

Online church services

Many local churches have started the trend of streaming Sunday services and continuing bible study virtually. This is a great opportunity to explore different services offered in the area that are most suited to the viewer.

Aside from these local activities, the internet offers many options of remote entertainment in this day and age. Everything one might need to socialize in quarantine is at the tip of our fingers.

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Student loan interest to freeze for 60 days: What to know
Marissa Couch April 2, 2020

Due to the coronavirus outbreak in the United States, President Donald Trump announced a freeze on student loan interest. The announcement came on March 13.

According to the Student Aid webpage, borrowers can request an administrative forbearance at this time to offer relief.

“Interest will automatically be waived by the Department of Education (ED) for all federally owned loans for at least 60 days, beginning March 13th,” said Seth Bauguess, director of communications. “For current students attending at least half time, this means that interest on any of their Federal Direct Unsubsidized or Federal Direct PLUS Loans will not accrue during this time.”

Given the national emergency, Secretary Betsy DeVos made the announcement about Trump’s decision.

All delinquent payments past 31 days are automatically suspended for the time being as well.

Additionally, all loans gaining interest that are owned by ED be waived.

According to Student Aid this includes:

- Federal Perkins Loans
- Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program loans held by ED.
- Direct Loans

Student Aid is encouraging borrowers to keep in touch with the institution’s financial aid department for extenuating circumstances.

While the Student Aid page offers guidance where they can, most answers must come from the specific institution borrowers are involved with.

According to the Student Aid webpage, certain FFEL Program loans are owned by commercial lenders, and some Perkins Loans are held by the institution borrowers attended. These loans are not eligible for this benefit but can be consolidated into a Direct Consolidation Loan.

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Once the waiver ends, the interest rate may be higher than what borrowers are currently paying, and any outstanding interest will capitalize, meaning that the interest is added to the principal balance.

The servicer can provide you with information about how the loan balance, interest rate, and total amount paid would change if consolidated into a Direct Consolidation Loan.

ED will not cover forbearance requests for private loans due to a lack of legal authority over them.

Coronavirus got you stuck? Five tips to stay motivated at home

Makenzie Hoferlin

April 2, 2020

It may be hard to stay motivated for all of the online classes students are having to take, so here are five tips to improve the rest of the semester working from home.

Get dressed in the morning

Even though it may seem silly to get dressed just to sit around your house, not wearing pajamas can put anyone in a more productive mood.

Students should keep up some of their normal routines as if they were still going to school. Get up at a decent time and start on schoolwork before 5 p.m.

Stay organized and make a schedule

Organization is really important when it comes to having all classes online. Now more than ever, it is important that students keep track of time and when each of their classes is supposed to meet.

There is no longer going to be a bell to remind you to pick up and move on to the next task, so students should consider setting alarms on their phone or entering their class schedule into an online calendar if they have not done so already.

Students can also make a tentative schedule for themselves to stay on track throughout the day.

Plan how much time to spend on schoolwork for each class.

Stay informed

Because students are no longer allowed on campus, it makes it a bit harder for them to simply ask questions or find the information they need.

Wright State has a webpage for just about everything, accessible from WINGS.

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Academic success centers, advisors, Counseling and Wellness Services, librarians and many other services are available to students remotely.

Students can also use the search bar to find help when they are not sure where to find it.

Make connections and communicate

Just because students need to practice social distancing, it doesn't mean they have to lose the connections they would have had in person.

Students should be encouraged to meet remotely with their peers and continue to build relationships with the rest of the community.

When face-to-face meetings are not possible, communication is absolutely key. It is easier for miscommunications to occur, so communication needs to be clear and there needs to be an abundance of it.

Students should keep in close communication with all of their professors and ask questions whenever need be to ensure a smooth experience with the online format.

Be intentional about communication.

Take breaks

Just as students should schedule time to work, they should also schedule time to take breaks. It is recommended that a short 10-15 minute break be taken every hour for the most effectiveness.

Some students may feel the urge to cram or push through until all of their work is done, but it will be more productive to take breaks. Working for too long without a break will cause distractions and wandering thoughts.

Students should give their brains a rest from school and time to refuel. Eating is important; take breaks to eat.

Whether students prefer online classes or they strive for face-to-face interaction, the coronavirus can't last forever, and neither can this semester.

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Wright State official: 'There are no plans to close campus housing'

Makenzie Hoeflerlin

April 2, 2020

After three different emails were sent to students about housing accommodations, students are voicing their opinion in the handling of the coronavirus.

"[If WSU asked all students to leave], I would probably be homeless," said WSU student Jonathan Goble.

Critical decisions are being made about WSU housing due to concerns of students' safety.

Administration response

"There are no plans to close campus housing," said Director of Communications Seth Bauguess. "Understanding that a complete closure could disrupt some students, the university offered an exemption process whereby someone could request to stay. As a result, approximately 200 residents remain on campus."

As of now, the university does not have any plans to completely close housing.

They have every intent to keep it open for the students who rely on it.

As long as the state and federal governments allow it, WSU housing will stay open for students.

"We will continue to offer this option for students unless a future state or public health directive forces us to do otherwise," said Bauguess

The university is asking that those who stay on campus practice social distancing in order to limit the spread of coronavirus and to keep those remaining on campus safe and healthy.

In an email sent out to the remaining students on campus, Environmental Health and Safety addressed the Center for Disease Control (CDC) recommendations for Hygiene and social distancing.

According to the email, those remaining in WSU's housing agreed to follow the CDC's recommendations at all times.

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“We appreciate those who are practicing safe social distancing and other preventive measures as it is important for the health and safety of you and all the university community,” according to the email. “Unfortunately, some student residents are not following the CDC recommendations.”

Environmental health and safety has continued to monitor campus activity. They reiterate that not following the CDC guidelines puts everyone at risk for being infected with coronavirus.

“It’s extremely important to understand that not following these guidelines puts you and others around you at risk of becoming infected with the highly contagious coronavirus,” according to the email.

The email asks students for the following

- Stay at home as much as possible
- Keep six feet between you and others
- Avoid group work settings and large meetings
- Avoid crowded public places where close contact with others may occur
- Avoid large gatherings

Students who do not follow these guidelines may lose their exemption to remain in student housing.

Timeline of events

On March 13, the university sent out an email with clear intentions of keeping housing open.

“As of now, we intend to keep on-campus student housing open,” according to the email. “Students may choose whether to continue to live on campus or move out.”

The email also mentioned wanting to be supportive of students who rely on residence life and housing resources.

Another email was sent out three days later, giving students a four day warning that campus housing would close on March 20.

The email acknowledged that some students may need to stay and asked these students to fill out a form.

Yet another email was sent out on March 24 to the remaining students on campus strongly advising them to leave.

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In this email, Dan Bertosos, director of Residence, Life, and Housing, informed students that due to the actions from the state department, every request to stay on campus would need to be reviewed. He also said that there would be limited resources for students who decided to stay.

“If you want to stay on campus, you must provide a statement describing why you want to stay, including information to support your request, returned to my email address,” according to the email.

Strong student opinions

These actions outraged many students who felt that the situation was not handled well.

“Wright State is mentally torturing us,” said Carli, a WSU student trying to remain in housing. “They say we have to leave, don’t respond to anyone for days, make us sign more terms and agreements to stay, then tell us we have to leave again. This whole experience has made me, and almost everyone else I know still living on campus, not want to come back here. Wright state should have our back and they don’t.”

Other students believe that WSU made the best decision for everyone involved.

“I feel they reacted in a really quick way to the situation, in pro of not spreading the virus and in taking care of its community,” said Francisco David Acuna, an exchange student at WSU. “Wright State does prioritize students’ wellness and I love that.”

Because Acuna is a foreign exchange student, he is prohibited to move to another location.

According to Acuna, his program is working hard to see when he can come back and will soon be booking flights. He does not have plans to stay on campus for the remainder of the semester.

Goble believes that the whole issue is a lack of communication.

“I think they could have been more upfront with us that they could end up closing campus housing,” said Goble. “They could have been way better at communicating.”

Goble says that he is relying on on-campus resources because he has nowhere else to go.

“This is my permanent residence,” said Goble. “It is the address on my driver’s license, bank account, credit cards; everything. So I don’t have another home to return to. That’s why I am staying.”

For students like Goble, staying on campus is the only option.

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Operations of business and facilities for the future

Alexis Wisler

April 3, 2020

Several changes have been made this month regarding which businesses can stay open and which need to temporarily close due to Governor Mike DeWine's orders.

All essential businesses are open and restaurants are open for carry-out only. Non-essential businesses are either temporarily closed or are under restricted hours.

Libraries

All Greene County public libraries are closed until April 6. Events through April 15 have been cancelled. According to Greene County Public Health, library materials are not responsible for the spread of the coronavirus.

All Montgomery County public libraries, including Dayton Metro Library, are closed until April 24.

Malls

The Mall at Fairfield Commons is closed until further notice.

The Greene Town Center's restaurants are open for carry-out only and shops are either entirely closed or under restricted hours.

According to The Greene Town Center, the children's play area is closed and near-future events have been cancelled.

The Dayton Mall is closed until further notice.

Parks

DeWine recently issued that all playgrounds and other outdoor recreational areas be closed with the exception of trails remaining open.

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Five Rivers MetroParks' trails remain open for the public but they insist that strangers practice social distancing of at least six feet. All playgrounds, camping facilities and bathrooms are closed until May 3.

Women's Clinics

Both Planned Parenthood of Greater Ohio and The Women's Med Center of Dayton will remain open for essential procedures and operations.

According to Dayton Daily News, Planned Parenthood says abortions are essential procedures.

Food Banks

The Dayton Foodbank is under restricted hours until further notice. Every Monday and Friday, clients with their own transportation can visit the drive-thru pantry from 1-3 p.m.

Clients without their own transportation must set up an appointment in order to enter the building to ensure the safety of elderly clients.

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Things to do to avoid going stir crazy

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The weather is warming up which means that it is finally time to get outside and enjoy some fresh air.

Group activities like bonfires with friends and pool parties aren't an option right now but students can still find ways to enjoy the outdoors and take a break from online schooling.

Read a book outside

Students probably have more time on their hands now, so it's the perfect time to read a book or two. Cozy up on a porch swing, under a tree or in a lawn chair and discover a new favorite.

Evening stroll

Taking a walk around the neighborhood is a good way to get some fresh air and exercise while practicing social distancing. Whether it's bright and early in the morning or after dinner, a leisurely stroll can help students destress and get their muscles moving.

Picnic

Make a nice lunch, turn on some music, grab a pair of sunglasses and eat in the backyard. Picnics are common in movies but rarely seen in real life; choosing to eat lunch outside for a change can help students relax and feel refreshed.

Bike or roller skate

Look through the garage and find the old bicycle, roller skates, skateboard or razor scooter that hasn't seen the light of day in years. This is another great way for students to move their muscles and get some exercise in between classwork.

Wash the car

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This one might not sound like fun, but it's a good multitasking activity. Students can get a little bit of fresh air and feel productive by cleaning up their car. If students want to feel really productive, they can vacuum out their cars too.

Walk the dog

Dogs might be happy because their human friends are home more, but they need to stretch their muscles too. Students can combine walking their dog with biking or roller skating and get even more exercise and fun.

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Five gaming apps to play with other people

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Going into the third week of quarantine, it's understandable to go be going a little stir crazy not being able to interact with people and missing friends. Luckily, we have the technology to help us get through a time that might be difficult dealing with alone.

Here are five of the best multiplayer apps to quench your thirst of interactions with others.

Plato

With a total of 40 games, including uno, monopoly, battleship, connect four, cup pong, card games and plenty more, Plato is a great way interact with people globally while having a blast playing games. Jump into a chat room where you can join or create a game to play with a group or one-on-one.

QwikMatch

Having 28 games, QwikMatch is much like Plato, only focused more on the one-on-one style type of games; this is best for playing with a real-life friend.

With addictive games that will have you laughing nonstop and the ability to call friends while in the app, QwikMatch is the best way to spend time with a friend and make unforgettable memories in the process.

Have a friendly competition or an exciting battle; you decide.

PUBG Mobile

If you are into a multiplayer survival shooter, PUBG Mobile is for you.

With good quality and controls that aren't as bad as you would think for a mobile game, this pocket edition of a popular battle royale is a great alternative for those that don't own gaming systems like a PlayStation or Xbox.

The ability to talk to your squad while you're right in the middle of the action makes you feel like they're right there with you, fighting side by side.

Kahoot

Everyone gets excited when a professor sets up a game of Kahoot, but this game doesn't have to be designated only for in-class fun.

Whether you create your own game or choose from the trivia provided, Kahoot is a great way to get people together. Grab a bunch of friends, put everyone on a call and test their knowledge on the topic of your choice.

It's like a gameshow in the comfort of your own home.

Mario Kart

As a fan favorite, the game was changed when Mario Kart lovers were given the ability to play anytime, anywhere.

Invite friends to play privately or hop onto multiplayer and join the worldwide race for first place.

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Wright State Spirit Week by distance
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Wright State University Student Affairs is hosting a Virtual Spirit Week for the campus community.

Organized by Erin Sherrets, program manager for outdoor recreation and Student Involvement and Leadership (SIL), students can submit photos of their daily spirit look to social media.

"I'm sure the students miss being on campus," Courtney Mullins, program manager of student organizations said. "I'm really looking forward to the spirit week and hope to use this time to spread some cheer and fun to the Raider community."

The Virtual Spirit Week schedule:

Monday April 6:

College Day

Take a picture in your Raider gear.

Tuesday April 7:

Talent Tuesday

Share a video or clip of your talent.

Wednesday April 8:

Words of Encouragement Wednesday

Share a positive thought or words to inspire.

Thursday April 9:

Pajama Day

Take a picture of your favorite pjs.

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Friday April 10:

Sports Friday

Wear and take a picture of yourself in your favorite sports team gear.

Where to submit?

Post your photos and hashtag #WrightSpirit.

The photos will be entered in to win prizes at the end of the week.