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Dear Shocker Nation,

We are all aware of the unique circumstance that people across our country and globe are facing in regard to the COVID-19 Coronavirus. Nationally, a number of actions are taking place including those at colleges and universities. This is a situation that has all of us concerned, yet we must not become panicked. It's important to note that at this time, there are no known COVID-19 cases on our campus, in Wichita or Sedgwick County.

As President of Wichita State University, my number one priority is the student experience. This most especially includes the health and well-being of our students and campus community.

Today, I want to share with the entire campus community some important updates to university operations that will soon be implemented as described below. The following plans apply to the Wichita State University student, faculty, and staff community. WSU Tech will continue communicating to their community and keep me apprised of their actions.

Our actions have been developed in accordance with guidelines and recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Kansas Department of Health and Environment. Please understand that this situation is ever-evolving and our campus response could change at any point.

I want to assure you that our administration is working tirelessly with the rest of the campus, Student Health Services, and many other offices to make the best decisions for the entirety of Shocker Nation.

I understand there are many personal and logistical challenges that happen with measures like this. Please take care of yourself and your friends and colleagues during this time.

I continue to be inspired by our Shocker Family and the wonderful Wichita community we call home. While the coronavirus is very serious, I have no doubt that as a community working together, we will be fine.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jay S. Golden
President