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Dear University Community,

In these challenging times for the University of Alaska, we are doing everything we can to provide updated information to you.

Here’s a link to a video update from President Johnsen on the declaration of financial exigency including information on community engagement and next steps.

And here is a list of resources to help you understand and follow the process as decisions and planning unfolds over the coming weeks.

FY2020 budget website: https://alaska.edu/pres/fy2020-budget/index.xml

Housed on President Johnsen’s page, this is the official location for systemwide updates related to the FY2020 budget including videos, communications and FAQs. Additional resources include a response to OMB white paper about the university, copies of official memos including those outlining restrictions on travel, hiring, and procurement, and a link to UA budget media coverage.

The site also offers information on the options for university structure being considered by the Board of Regents. Once a decision is made on structure and detailed planning begins, updates will be posted and there will be opportunities to provide feedback through this site.

HR Financial exigency page: https://alaska.edu/hr/exigency/

This is where we post and update the FAQ and information on financial exigency - in particular employee impacts. Human resources will provide more information on the impact of certain types of employment actions as we learn more about how the university will implement a plan under financial exigency.

Board of Regents: https://alaska.edu/bor/

The Board of Regents are having to make unprecedented decisions. This is where you access meeting and agenda information, presentation materials posted to BoardDocs, and find the link to watch the livestream.

The next special meeting of the Board of Regents will be July 30, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., in Anchorage. Watch live at http://www.alaska.edu/bor/live/. President Johnsen will present a more in-depth look at two options for the university structure along with detailed impacts for each option during Tuesday’s meeting, where we expect they will choose an option to pursue.
Legislative updates: [https://alaska.edu/govrelations/report/](https://alaska.edu/govrelations/report/)

Our Government Relations staff provide regular updates from the legislature in the [Capital Report](https://alaska.edu/govrelations/report/). Their website also contains useful contact information, background information on important state and federal issues, and advocacy materials.

University Budget information: [https://www.alaska.edu/swbudget/budget_planning/](https://www.alaska.edu/swbudget/budget_planning/)

More than ever there is a demand for reliable university budget data. The office of strategy, planning and budget provides publications and data on budgeted and actual expenses, distribution plans and more.

University Data: [https://www.alaska.edu/ir/reporting/](https://www.alaska.edu/ir/reporting/)

UA data strategy and institutional research staff prepares the most up to date reports available about each university – [UA in Review](https://www.alaska.edu/swbudget/budget_planning/) – including enrollment trends, faculty profiles, and countless additional metrics. This report is standardized for quick reference and comparison across years.

System News Releases: [https://alaska.edu/opa/enews/2019/](https://alaska.edu/opa/enews/2019/)

The system office of public affairs provides coverage of Board of Regents meetings and other system actions. Here you can access those press releases and subscribe to the system news distribution list serv.

**Deer Oaks Employee Assistance Program (EAP)**

Please remember to take care of yourself during these difficult times. Our employee assistance program provider, Deer Oaks, offers a wide variety of counseling, referral and consultation services. These services are completely confidential and can be easily accessed by calling the toll-free Helpline at (888) 993-7650 or logging on to the Deer Oaks website at [deeroakseap.com](http://deeroakseap.com).

Students are encouraged to contact their campus Student Health and Counseling Center or speak to a student services staff member about health and counseling resources available in your community.

Thank you for all that you do to advocate for and support the University of Alaska.

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