LU Community:

President Evans’ letter of March 31, 2020 indicates further steps the University is taking to safeguard community well-being during the COVID-19 outbreak. These measures will affect campus buildings as follows.

Building Closures & Modified HVAC Schedules

Lamar University campus will be closed to the general public, and only employees or students with a current LU ID card (including on-campus residents) and approved contractors will be allowed on campus. Multiple campus buildings will be closed (locked), and several buildings will convert to a modified HVAC schedule.

Attached is a list of buildings that will be closed and those that will be affected by the modified HVAC schedule.

Modified HVAC Schedule

Energy use is being adjusted to account for decreased demand during the COVID-19 outbreak. Similar to the schedule used during campus holidays, the modified HVAC schedule is as follows:

- During normal operating hours (6am – 5pm), inside temperatures are maintained at 73 degrees.
- After 5pm, all air handlers shut down (with the exception of designated facilities and offices).
- If interior temperatures exceed 87 degrees afterhours, the air handlers will come on and cool the building down to 83 degrees.
- Minimal cooling will be provided on weekends in buildings on modified HVAC schedule, unless otherwise indicated. However, these buildings will have thermostats adjusted to ensure temperatures do not exceed 87 degrees.

Accessing Locked Buildings

- Employees and students with keys or access cards will still be able to enter the closed buildings to which they have access. These individuals should carry their current LU ID card at all times.

- Important! Building closures do not affect employees required to report for work. These employees can use their key/access card to enter their building. Employees who do not have a key/access card to their building should contact Facilities at (409) 880-8470 to gain access.

- Other employees and students who do not have keys or access cards but have a legitimate reason to enter a building can request access by contacting Facilities at (409) 880-8470 during regular business hours (7am – 5pm). After 5pm and on weekends, contact Lamar Police at 409-880-8307. These employees and students should be prepared to show a current LU ID and verify their reason for needing access to a building.

- Members of the general public will not be given access to closed buildings.

The University thanks the LU community for its support as we conserve campus resources during this challenging time.