



## President Michael M. Crow COVID-19 Update – March 13, 2020 Transcript

I wanted to get to all of you a voicemail message, this audio memo here, to give you some sense of where we are and where we're going at ASU.

First and foremost, our commitment at ASU is to our students and their success, and then to our community and its success. This is at the heart of everything that we do and all of our decisions as we're going forward in this moment surrounding the coronavirus.

The coronavirus is here. It's with us and it will be highly disruptive. And so, the key then is our response.

Our response is that we're open and moving forward, but we're moving forward in a new, digitally-intensive way. Something that ASU has gotten used to and has come to make as part of our core existence over the last several years. It's what we call "technology-enhanced learning."

We're going to be fully engaged with our students and we're focused for that reason on their ongoing success. We want our students to be able to complete the semester, to move on with their lives, to advance their learning, to make things happen and to make all of this just a part of us adapting to our present circumstances.

In addition, we'll be continuing our research. We're going to be continuing our discovery activities, including the labs that we have, which are working on matters related to the coronavirus itself, it's early detection, it's ultimate defeat and all things that can go along with that. All of that work continues.

So, where are we? We've got 11,500 classes that we're going to open on Monday for the second half of the spring semester for our on-campus, technology-enhanced learning environment. We've got more than 70,000 students who will be involved in these classes and we've got a tremendous set of capabilities for students now in this distributed learning environment to take full advantage of what we have to offer.

Obviously, we're also going to be continuing our ongoing programs for our online students and the very advanced online learning opportunities they have available to them. And, in addition, our university campuses will be open to support our mission and our team, but classes will be digital. Classes will be distributed and students will be engaged in their learning activities in a digital format.

Our main goal here is the success of our students through it all, through whatever might come. Our objective here is to be fully supportive of all the students in our ASU family and to be connected in any way we can. Helping them to be successful and, even down

the road, to be as helpful as we can to all of the broader ASU family with our technological assets and our learning environment.

So, let's all pull together here. Let's do the best that we can to be supportive of each other.

Let's follow the CDC guidelines in terms of personal hygiene and interaction. Let's follow the university's policy memos and guidelines on travel and all things related to taking care of yourself and what to do if you become sick, and so forth and so on. Let's just pay close attention to all of that.

Most importantly, at the heart of everything, we need to help each other. We've got to stay focused on things and stay fully alert.

So, here's a phrase you can look up: "Let's all just stay frosty." Some of you will look that up. You might remember that from the movie "Alien."

Let's take a close look at that and let's all stay frosty.

Thanks.