University of Alabama System Issues Spring Break Advisory

The University of Alabama System continues to closely monitor the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Today System officials issued guidance for spring break to students, faculty and staff, including travel, health and safety tips, as well as encouragement to plan ahead for possible future disruptions to campus operations.

The University of Alabama and the University of Alabama at Birmingham’s spring breaks are March 16-20, and the University of Alabama in Huntsville is scheduled for spring break the following week, March 30-April 3.

Although current plans call for maintaining normal campus operations, UA System campuses are advised that it is possible that System campuses could move to online-only classes at some point this semester based on the state of COVID-19 in Alabama.

Students are encouraged to plan ahead if they leave campus for spring break, and take what they would need (e.g., electronics, textbooks, class materials and valuables) in the event a transition to online learning would become necessary. Students who choose to stay on campus during spring break will be accommodated.

“Our goal is to provide continuity and consistency for our students,” said UA System Chancellor Finis St. John IV. “Things are rapidly evolving, and if the situations in our communities change, we will transition to a remote learning mode to protect the health and safety of System campuses.”