

Update on Staff Operations

Bennington College - Human Resources

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to me

TO: All Staff and Faculty

FR: Heather Faley, Director of Human Resources

Bennington College staff continue to amaze us—pitching in to make masks, supporting each other through online chats, brainstorming new ways of doing old things—the list is endless. Your willingness and desire to support the College in this moment is inspiring. Together we will continue to navigate and respond to the challenges and changes presented by the health crisis.

On Friday, April 10, the Governor of Vermont extended the “Stay Home, Stay Safe” order which requires non-essential businesses to suspend in-person business operations through May 15, 2020. As with the initial stay-at-home notice, certain areas of the College remain exempt from this order including employees working in Buildings & Grounds, Business Office, Campus Safety, Dining Services, Health and Psychological Services, Human Resources, Post Office, and the President’s Office. It is our understanding that colleges remain essential businesses during this health crisis as we continue to provide critical services to residential students who remain on campus.

The College continues to take precautionary measures in support of our campus community. Last week the College reduced the number of Buildings & Grounds and Dining Services staff on campus. Select staff members will be rotating on/off campus as needed to support critical operations. The College is continuing to support all of these staff members even when they are not required to be on campus. Additionally, as recommended by the Vermont Department of Health, the College has provided staff with face coverings/masks to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

We know that the uncertainty of these days can be stressful—on staff and families alike. If you need resources or support in any way, please be in touch with our [office](#).