



GADSDEN STATE
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

President's Office

P.O. Box 227 • Gadsden, AL 35902-0227 • www.gadsdenstate.edu

March 12, 2020

Letter from the President

Students, Faculty and Staff,

Since January, you have heard about the COVID-19, an infections respiratory disease caused by a new coronavirus. While there are nearly 128,000 confirmed cases of COVID-19 around the world, there are no confirmed cases at any of Gadsden State's five campuses, and there are no confirmed cases in the state of Alabama.

Still, I am sure you are worried about this pandemic and what it means to you and your families. As part of our commitment to the health and wellbeing of our students, faculty and staff, we are carefully monitoring the COVID-19 situation and are in regular contact with our partnering agencies, including the Gadsden/Etowah Emergency Operations Center, the Alabama Department of Public Health and local health providers. We are also receiving guidance from the Alabama Community College System and the Office of the Governor.

At this time, Gadsden State will continue to operate on its five campuses within its normal schedule. We do have contingency plans to ensure continuity of operations and instruction if necessary. Furthermore, we are discussing the situation and following the media coverage of how this situation is unfolding

If you have not already done so, please take time to review the information on this webpage to familiarize yourself with the risks of the virus, the prevention of spreading germs and more. I encourage you to take the risks seriously but don't panic. Do your part by making good choices and practicing good hygiene.

Dr. Martha Lavender, President