



## News Release

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### **Statement from ABOR Chair Larry E. Penley on Novel Coronavirus**

“The health and wellness of students, faculty, staff and visitors is always the highest priority for the Arizona Board of Regents. In light of the growing threat posed by COVID-19, novel coronavirus, and consistent with Gov. Ducey’s [declaration of a public health emergency](#), the board is working closely with university leaders regarding steps that can be taken to minimize risk and as each president makes decisions about their campus communities in light of public health concerns. We are also in communication with local, state and federal officials regarding the latest information and public health guidance.

“Arizona State University announced today that they have made the decision to transition in-person classes to online instruction wherever possible, effective March 16. [More information is available here.](#) Each of the universities provide news and official announcements about COVID-19 as it pertains to the campus’ communities on their websites. Please visit the universities’ websites for the latest information and official announcements. The board will also issue updates through its website to keep the public informed.”

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