

March 31, 2020

To the Sewanee community,

This message includes a new community resource for information, a notice of restricted parking at campus trailheads, and an important reminder.

### **New Website for the Sewanee Community**

There is a new community section of the University's COVID-19 website: [covid19community.sewanee.edu](https://covid19community.sewanee.edu). It is aimed at providing a central source for information and links, as well as responding to the questions and concerns we have received from community members. If you have additional questions, please submit them through the "Questions?" section of the COVID-19 website.

### **Trail Parking Areas Are Closed**

The University is trying to do its part to reduce unnecessary travel, promote physical distancing, and protect the well-being of our community. By closing trail parking areas, we hope to temporarily discourage visitors from coming to Sewanee to use our trail system. The University is taking this precaution because we are a community and not a state park—the fact that our neighborhoods are very close to our trail system, including trailheads, carries with it public health risks. Our local community is encouraged to hike, ride bikes, and otherwise enjoy the trails on the Domain; we need to do so without using the trail parking areas. We have confidence that our community can overcome this inconvenience until concerns over the spread of COVID-19 have subsided. Areas affected by this parking closure include: Breakfield Road beyond the asphalt, Green's View, Shakerag Trail parking area, the Memorial Cross, Caldwell Rim and Potter's Ridge parking lot, Lake Cheston (both parking areas), and the Morgan's Steep parking areas. The policy is effective April 1.

### **Reminder: Stay "Safer at Home"**

Sewanee joined communities across the state and the country in following a Safer at Home protocol to combat the spread of COVID-19, beginning March 24. This directs all Sewanee residents to limit all movement outside of their homes beyond what is absolutely necessary to take care of essential needs. Governor Lee has now issued an executive order implementing safer at home guidelines in every Tennessee county, effective March 31. The order urges Tennesseans who are in non-essential roles to remain at home. We must each do our part to reduce the likelihood of spreading within our community the virus that causes COVID-19.

Thank you to everyone in the community for your support. Take care.

The COVID-19 Community Team