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## BYU community adjusts to COVID-19 precautions

By LISI MERKLEY



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A lone student rides a bike outside of the Harold B. Lee Library on March 16, the Monday after BYU announced all classes are moving online.

BYU is adjusting to a new schedule after announcing it would be moving to remote instruction starting March 18 due to the outbreak of COVID-19. All sporting events, performances, recitals and activities have been canceled for the rest of the semester.

The university plans to use the video conferencing app Zoom to continue with classes, according to a campus-wide email sent on March 16. "If you don't have access to a computer or smartphone for receiving video, you can use the computers at the library or OIT has a limited number of computers available for checkout," the email reads.

On-campus resources are also adjusting after the announcement. The Research and Writing Center staff will continue meeting with students over the internet starting March 18. The library and BYU Store will remain open, and the testing center will close after all tests started on or before March 12 have been administered.

According to the email sent on March 16, the Cougarreat, Cannon Center, The Wall, Jamba Juice, Legends Grille and all creamery locations will remain open, but all other dining locations will be closed.

Students can also park in any Y or G lots without a paid parking pass, but A lots and specialty stalls will still be monitored as normal. University gyms will also be closed. Some academic buildings on campus will also require key card access to enter.

BYU will accommodate students with on-campus jobs who need to continue working. Supervisors are encouraged to determine whether any of their employees can work from home and to ensure that assigned work is productive, even if that means considering alternative assignments, such as creation of professional development materials, research projects and deep cleaning and organizing work areas and information.

"Working with Student Employment and networking with colleagues, we

should try to find alternative employment opportunities for student employees if productive work is no longer available in our own units," reads a press release from BYU Human Resources released March 16. "Please be wise and creative to accomplish tasks that will make BYU better when this is behind us."

Working-hour limitations for student employees will continue to be enforced.

Some performing arts classes are being canceled, and other private lessons will continue via video chat.

After all performances at BYU were canceled for the rest of the semester, students in performing groups were left wondering what would happen with the class portions of their bands and choirs. Men's Chorus member Andrew Reed said it was announced in class on Thursday that the class would not be transitioning to meet online or continuing at all.

"It's all just stopped since we can't perform any concerts or anything," Reed said. "There's not really a reason for us to keep rehearsing."

This semester was Men's Chorus director Rosalind Hall's last year at BYU after over 20 years with the university. Reed said this made canceling their upcoming concerts and classes especially sad.

"In class we had a personal concert of all the songs we would have sung just for Sister Hall," Reed said. "It was a tender memory we will all keep forever."

Students are also worried about access to instruments because many use school-owned instruments to practice. Music education major Carsten House is taking String Workshop, where students learn how to play string instruments. House's professor said they would continue lessons over a video call; however, all the instruments are on campus, so House said he isn't sure how he will be able to practice.

"I may have to withdraw from the class. I don't know yet," House said. "I don't know if I'll still be able to keep my academic scholarship because that would drop me below the scholarship numbers."

House said he plans on trying to work

something out with his professor so he doesn't have to withdraw.

Amy Gabbitas, manager of BYU's instrument office, said they are currently allowing music majors access to instruments. Students can either continue coming to the Harris Fine Arts Center to practice or fill out an off-campus use agreement.

"It's changing as we find out what's going on with the building," Gabbitas said. "As long as the building stays open, they can come to the building to practice. If the building closes, I'm not sure what we're going to do."

Gabbitas said the major concern is the larger instruments like the percussion instruments because they cannot leave the building, but she's sure the office will figure something out for these students if the building does close.

Senior vocal performance student Josie Larsen was scheduled to perform her senior recital on Saturday, March 14, but it was canceled along with all other on-campus performances. Vocal performance majors and other performance majors are required to perform a junior

and senior recital before graduating.

"It is a cumulation of, honestly, not even just the four years that I've been in my undergrad, but also since the time I started voice lessons when I was 11," Larsen said. "This is what we look forward to our entire undergrad."

Larsen's parents had booked flights from Seattle to see her perform, but they canceled the flights when Larsen learned she would no longer be performing her senior recital. "I hope that whenever I do get to do it, that they'll be able to come visit or something, so they can still see it because they've been part of this whole process my whole life," she said.

Larsen's voice teacher informed her that she has two options to complete the required recital: hold the recital on-campus with only close friends and family or record the performance from a remote location.

Larsen said she hopes to reschedule her performance for Tuesday, but she's not sure her parents can make it.

"It's out of my control, and it's no one's fault," Larsen said. "It's just the circumstances we're in."

## What could have been — BYU men's basketball

By SYDNEY FLEMING

BYU men's basketball was officially a lock in the NCAA tournament despite finishing its season in a last-second 51-50 loss to rival Saint Mary's in the WCC tournament semifinals on Mar. 9.

The Cougars' loss to Saint Mary's came as a shock to many fans, as the Cougars are coming off a historic season where they finished No. 2 in the WCC and ranked No. 14 in the AP Poll. But to other fans, the loss to the Gaels may not have been as surprising because of BYU's record against them in the regular season.

BYU's first matchup against Saint Mary's resulted in an 87-84 overtime loss in California, the Cougars' second conference game of the season. This loss came without the help of senior Yoeli Childs, who suffered finger dislocation in practice a few days before. Childs leads the team with 22.2 points per game, and averaged 8.9 rebounds to lead the Cougars.

The second matchup was different. Saint Mary's was coming to the Marriott Center, and BYU was looking for revenge. While the Cougars had Childs on the floor this time around, the Gaels still kept the game close with help from star players Jordan Ford and Malik Fitts. Saint Mary's forward Fitts led with 29 points and 8 rebounds, shooting 11 for 15 from the field and 4 for 6 from behind the arc. BYU head coach Mark Pope said despite efforts to switch around the defense, Fitts was unstoppable.

Saint Mary's lights out shooting still wasn't enough to beat the Cougars, who pulled out the 81-79 victory after senior TJ Haws sunk a deep three with only nine seconds left on the clock. Haws led the Cougars with 23 points, shooting nine for 15 from the field and three for six from three.



Preston Crawley

The NCAA announced that the men's basketball tournament will be cancelled for the 2020 season.

Yet the WCC tournament performance from both teams was more than unexpected. Saint Mary's may have won the game, but based on the stat sheet, the game could've gone either way. BYU shot 36.2% from the field and 38.9% from three, a stark contrast from its season average 50.0% field goal percentage and nationally-ranked No. 1 42.2% three-point shooting. Childs carried BYU with 23 points, while Haws and senior Jake Toolson combined for 11 points. Both Toolson and Haws average 15.2 and 14.0 points per game, respectively.

While BYU prepared for its first NCAA tournament berth since the 2015 season, the COVID-19 pandemic took hold of the sports world. The NCAA tournament was canceled as a result of consultation with Centers of Disease Control experts. This cancellation came after the NBA suspended league play indefinitely when Utah Jazz player Rudy Gobert tested positive for the virus before tip-off against the Oklahoma City Thunder, while his teammate, Donovan Mitchell, tested positive the next day. Many different leagues — including MLB, NHL, MLS

and more — have either canceled or suspended league play.

Fans don't know for sure what splash BYU would've made in the tournament, but here's what some analysts had to say.

**Jay Bilas, ESPN bracketologist:** Despite BYU's late-game fall to conference rival Saint Mary's, Bilas still has the Cougars at No. 14 in his power index going into Selection Sunday. Bilas acknowledges Childs' early-season nine-game absence due to NCAA suspension and likes what he's seen since Childs' return. Aiding Childs is

Toolson, who Bilas says is "one of the best shot-making guards and scorers." Bilas adds that with Haws also in the mix, BYU's constantly moving offense makes the Cougars hard to guard. He concludes with one final statement: "BYU is built for March."

**Joe Lunardi, ESPN Bracketologist:** Lunardi is one of the biggest names in March when regular seasons come to an end and March Madness begins to gain its momentum. His bracket projections and updates are one of the most popular among bracketologists. Lunardi joined BYUtv's Sports Nation show on March 5 to talk about BYU's seeding and expectations come tourney time. The WCC tournament was still looming at that time, but Lunardi said the outcome wouldn't severely affect BYU's seeding and placement in the tournament. BYU would end up as a No. 4 seed in the best case scenario, presuming it won the WCC tournament.

But the worst case scenario isn't much different, as BYU would remain a projected No. 6 seed if it failed to win in the tournament. Lunardi said that if someone were to upset Saint Mary's in the quarterfinals, the story would be different. Since Saint Mary's and Gonzaga were BYU's only possible opponents heading into the semifinals, Lunardi said BYU couldn't take a bad loss.

**Keegan Pope, Bleacher Report:** Pope listed BYU as one of the NCAA's most underrated teams going into March Madness. But how can BYU be underrated as a No. 5 or No. 6 seed? He refers back to when BYU beat Gonzaga in the Marriott Center in a shocking 91-78 win over the conference rival. Pope wasn't surprised when this happened, as BYU put its No. 1 ranked three-point shooting on display for all to see.

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# UNIVERSE news briefs

FROM THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Trump tests negative for virus; White House begins screening

After days of resisting screening for the coronavirus, President Donald Trump tested negative. His decision came after repeated questioning about why he was hesitant to undergo screening when he had been exposed to at least three people who have tested positive for the virus.

Meanwhile, the White House began screening anyone coming into contact with the president and other officials.



## Christchurch marks first anniversary of mosque shootings

People in the New Zealand city of Christchurch honored the 51 worshippers who were killed in a mass shooting a year ago in small but poignant ways after a planned national memorial event was canceled due to coronavirus fears.

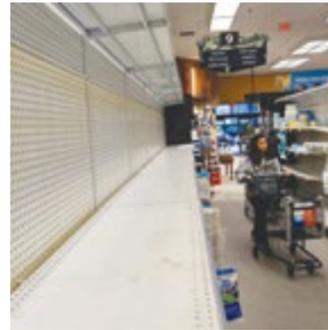
Survivor Mazharuddin Syed Ahmed said that marking anniversaries was not typically a Muslim tradition but they were doing it so the wider community could grieve and remember.



## March Sadness: No brackets and no knowing what might've been

Players, coaches and fans are using the term "March Sadness" to lament March Madness, which was canceled in the wake of COVID-19.

Before fears about the coronavirus scrubbed sports for the foreseeable future, Sunday, March 15, was supposed to be the Big Reveal — the day when Americans gathered around a TV for an hour to watch the college basketball schedule being released.



## Trump declares emergency; world steps up fight against virus

The U.S. declared a state of emergency Friday, March 13, as many European countries went on a war footing amid mounting deaths as the world mobilized to fight the widening coronavirus pandemic.

At the White House, drug company executives vowed to work together to quickly expand the country's coronavirus testing capabilities, which are far behind those in many countries.



## Virus fears fuel spike in sales of guns and ammunition

Just as grocery stores have been stripped bare by Americans panicked by coronavirus, guns and ammunition have started flying off the shelves. Retailers say the buying frenzy is being fueled by consumers who are worried that people are becoming so desperate and unpredictable, they need to ensure they can protect themselves. Sales spiked in a matter of days, industry experts say.

# BYU alum returns to Provo with 'revolutionary' ice cream

By ALICIA MATSUURA

Ice cream is one of the few acceptable "vices" that students have indulged in for decades, with a number of shops selling the frozen treats near BYU — much like clubs cater to students around most other college campuses.

The BYU Creamery has been serving ice cream for over 50 years. Joe Tiapson, the assistant director of BYU Dining Services, said the competition a new ice cream shop is bringing to the location is great for the industry.

"Each player knows they have to keep up with the ever-changing demands and trends of their customers," Tiapson said. "We always welcome friendly competition and we are always looking for ways to improve our product for our guests."

The new player seeking a piece of Provo's lucrative cold-treat market is Brooker's Founding Flavors Ice Cream. Brian Brooker, the man behind the ice cream counter, said the company's "revolutionary era" treats will be available starting April 11 at his newest location adjacent to the original J Dawgs on 820 North.

Brooker lived at The Colony as an BYU undergraduate student and remembers passing by the soon-to-be location of his ice cream shop every day as he walked to class.

"The reason that spot is good is because we have all the foot traffic of BYU," Brooker said. "It will draw in a lot of students every time there's sporting events, musical performances and church functions."

His original shop opened in Vineyard in December 2018 and



Lydia Forsgren and Brian Brooker get ready to scoop some ice cream at Brooker's Founding Flavors Ice Cream in Vineyard. A second Brooker's will be opening just south of BYU Campus. Scan the photo with the **Universe Plus** app to read a Spanish translation of the story.

Alicia Matsuura



is modeled after a tavern that can be found in colonial Williamsburg. Everything from the light fixtures and reclaimed wood tables from 100-year-old barns to crown molding and the whiskey

barrel water station invoke a sense of early Americana.

Brooker's upbringing was heavily influenced by the Nation's founding history. He was born in Virginia and grew

up frequently visiting historical sites like Montpelier, Monticello, Mount Vernon and George Mason.

"Driving to high school, I would go through the Manassas Battlefield. I remember there was a cannonball still lodged into a stone building," Brooker said. "That's what I knew and grew up around, so history always inspired me."

Brooker's dedication to the founding principles extended far beyond having a sound understanding of the nation's history and a love for American Heritage. After graduating from BYU with a bachelor's in science and getting a law degree and MBA from Penn State, he decided to join the military. He served as a judge advocate general attorney for eight years.

"I joined the military because of 9/11. I wanted to serve and give back," Brooker said.

After his military service, Brooker combined his love for country and for ice cream into a business. His interest for making his own ice cream was sparked after his high school graduation when he set off on a hiking trip through the Appalachian Trail, stopping in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

"Going through New England, you see all these homemade ice cream parlors," Brooker said. "They were not cutting corners. They're very creative, have cool flavors and are high quality."

That experience was what

set Brooker on a path to pursue a dream that was 20 years in the making. In the past decade, Brooker earnestly studied ice cream-making by taking courses at different universities around the country. In addition to taking public courses, he managed to set up private lessons with a couple of ice cream legends.

"I tracked down the guy that invented cookies and cream and made ice cream with him in his basement for three days," Brooker said. "Now cookies and cream is one of our most popular flavors."

At the BYU Creamery, employees have also continuously worked on creating new flavors and names for their ice cream — a collaborative effort between chefs and the management team.

"In order to be released to the public, a new flavor must have a final stamp of approval from our executive chef and dining director," Tiapson said. "Naming a new ice cream is done through lots of brainstorming and polling to ensure we have the right name to match our quality product."

Just like the Creamery, Brooker's also places value in the creation and naming of ice cream flavors. Jason Redding is secretly a history junkie and went to Brooker's on a date. The mechanical engineering major from Edison, Washington, said he loves the Revolutionary War period and enjoyed the clever names of the flavors.

"Then I actually got the ice cream and it was some of the best I've ever had," Redding said. "It rivaled the stuff I get locally in western Washington."

Redding lives in student housing right around the corner from Brooker's new location. "I'm excited to have one so close. It will be great for quick dates, after-FHE activities or just to stop on the way home after a long day," he said.

Anna Andrew, a communication studies major from Moab, went to Brooker's Ice Cream shop for the first time last semester and said she hasn't been able to stop thinking about it.

"When I visited, the owner came out and gave us the inside scoop on how they make their ice cream and we tried several of their flavors," Andrew said. "My favorite flavor is 'Give me chocolate or give me death.' If I could have ice cream every day, I would go there."

Brooker said one of his catchphrases is, "A spoonful of ice cream helps the founding principles go down."

"I've been studying, reading about America's founding for many years now. With every generation that goes by, history is being told inaccurately with an agenda or even a malice towards history," Brooker said. "I want to put back out in the American community and culture, true and positive things about what makes this place special and different."

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# Utah Legislature

## Lawmakers pass bill requiring warning labels on pornography

By DECKER WESTENBURG

SALT LAKE CITY — Utah lawmakers have sent a bill to the governor that would require pornographic materials to have a warning label and creates fines for anyone who distributes pornography without a visible label.

In 2016, Gov. Gary Herbert signed a concurrent resolution that declared pornography a public health hazard in Utah. In a public address after signing the resolution, he compared the effects of pornography to the effects of drugs and alcohol.

“People generally know about the dangerous drugs and alcohol that can be found out there that tempt our youth, and the many ways it makes their lives more difficult,” Herbert said. “We also want our young people to know that their is a particularly psychological and

physiological detrement that comes from addiction to pornography too.”

Bill sponsor Rep. Brady Brammer, R-Highland, introduced HB243 before the House Judiciary Committee in early February.

Brammer explained that those breaking the law have a choice. “They can pay a smaller fine of \$500 and agree to future compliance,” Brammer said. “Alternatively they could deny or ignore the notice and then it could go to a court determination. Upon court determination, if it was found to not be pornographic, then there would be no fine or collection. If it were found to be pornographic, and it did not have the label, then there could be a civil fine.”

HB243, would allow for a civil penalty up to \$2,500 for every violation. Half of the collected money for noncompliance would be given to

the Utah Office for Victims of Crime. This money would be placed in a reparations fund.

After passing through the House, the Senate amended the bill to adjust the text of the warning label and to protect against those who are possibly being blackmailed.

The original text of the warning label would have highlighted the harmful effects of pornography including “low self-esteem, and the improper objectification of and sexual violence towards others.” The original text was also significantly longer than the new label.

The bill now includes the following text that would appear before any print or digital pornographic material: “Exposing minors to obscene material may damage or negatively impact minors.”

The bill heads next to Herbert’s desk. If he signs the bill, it will become law.

## The Utah Legislature decriminalizes some forms of polygamy

By MARINA MCNAIRY

SALT LAKE CITY — A bill passed by Utah Legislature has codified the Utah Attorney General’s long-standing policy of not prosecuting otherwise law-abiding polygamists.

SB102, sponsored by Sen. Deidre Henderson, R-Spanish Fork, decriminalizes some forms of bigamy. Unlawful cohabitation became a felony in 1935. SB102 reclassifies the crime of bigamy from a felony to an infraction.

However, bigamy will be a third-degree felony if the person is marrying under false pretenses. In addition, bigamy will be classified as a second-degree felony if the person also commits a felony offense of criminal homicide, kidnapping, trafficking, smuggling, sexual offenses, child abuse, child abandonment, abuse, neglect or exploitation of a vulnerable adult, or sexual battery.

Proponents of SB102 have said it gives certainty to otherwise law-abiding polygamists so they don’t have to live in fear of prosecution, imprisonment, or having their children removed because of their polygamist lifestyle. The bill may lead to increased societal integration for law-abiding polygamists.

“For the past few years, I’ve

been very concerned about the harm that occurs when a marginalized group of people are pushed into the shadows,” Henderson said.

Shirley Draper, a victim advocate and former polygamist, said, “I saw firsthand how the leaders were able to gain control because of the fear of law enforcement. Law enforcement were not my friends and I should never talk to them.” Draper grew up with an intense fear of outsiders. Everywhere she went, Draper said she was visually identifiable as a felon and greeted with hostility.

Henderson visited with current and former polygamous families in Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Arizona, and along the Wasatch Front. Henderson said she discovered that there are also barriers to medical care, mental health treatment, education, employment, social services and justice for polygamous families. “Utah has a full-blown human rights crisis right here within our state,” Henderson said. “Clearly, what we’ve been doing for 85 years has failed everyone.”

Draper said that Utah has legislated prejudicial treatment to a second-class citizenry. “When my mom tried to leave the community a few years after I did, she moved to St. George,” Draper said. “When she went to change

her driver’s license, the clerk denied her driver’s license and told her, ‘We don’t want you here.’” Draper’s mom returned to Colorado City and died after not accessing the medical care she needed.

In order to appropriately address the problems among some polygamous families and communities, Henderson said the state of Utah must reject the premise that all polygamists are abusers or abuse victims. “There are many good people raising children in loving homes who are also polygamists,” Henderson said. “I have visited with many of these families. They love their country. They are patriotic. Many of them have served their country with honor.”

Draper said, “In my work as a victim advocate, I see sexual abuse, domestic violence, and child abuse in every structure. I see it in Christian families, monogamous families, and polygamous families. But no one has ever dared say that it’s the family structure that causes those abuses.”

In Utah, it is legal for a person to be married, have adulterous affairs, and have children with multiple partners live together. However, when these people report to be spouses, it is a felony.

Henderson said, “The wall Utah has built to keep people out of polygamy is the very wall that’s trapping them inside.”

## Legislature approves pilot program to allow infants at work

By MARINA MCNAIRY

SALT LAKE CITY — A bill that would set up the Infant at Work Pilot Program for eligible employees of the Department of Health passed in the final minutes of the 2020 Utah Legislature.

HB264 would allow Department of Health employees to bring their newborn to work with them from the first six weeks up until six months, or until the child becomes mobile. The statute will create the framework for the program, but the Department of Health will address employee eligibility and what a safe work space entails.

Rep. Stephanie Pitcher, D-Salt

Lake City, the bill’s sponsor, said, “Eight other states have done this, and their programs all started out as pilot programs. Many of these states have since expanded the pilot program due to overwhelming success.”

Dr. Marc Babitz, family physician and deputy director of the Utah Department of Health, supported the bill. “One of the big key issues for parenting and children development is bonding,” Babitz said. When babies are separated from parents for several hours a day, it reduces the opportunity for parental bonding.

Babitz said part of the bonding process is for the mother to be able to feed her own child. “We prefer having the baby in

close proximity to the mother for breastfeeding,” Babitz said. “Mothers can pump and save their milk, but that’s not the easiest thing to do at a workplace.”

From the job point of view, Babitz said the Infant at Work Pilot Program is a good recruitment and retention incentive. By implementing the program, employers show that they respect and honor the rights of mothers to be close to their small infant.

“If this bill is passed, then our teleworking employees will also be able to have their infants at home with them,” Babitz said. Teleworking is done from the employee’s home, and typically a mother has to take her baby to childcare to avoid interference

with the workday. “We’re pretty excited about it. It’s a win-win for the baby, the mom and the employer,” Babitz said.

Arizona started its program in 2000. That state released a report in 2018 and found that overall productivity in the workplace went up and parents

who were participating in the program felt an additional need to get their work done and be productive.

Akela Bellazetin, policy director for the Utah Women’s Coalition, said, “Arizona had a fair amount of years, participants, babies who have graduated from

the program. In my research, there wasn’t any litigation or issues with babies being hurt in the workplace.” Bellazetin supported the bill, saying HB264 would be an excellent program to have in Utah because it benefits parents, employees and companies.

### TODAY

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This event will be streamed live and available for viewing on BYUtv.



**Elder Jack N. Gerard**  
*General Authority Seventy*

Elder Jack N. Gerard was sustained as a General Authority Seventy of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in March 2018. At the time of his call, he had been serving as a Gospel Doctrine teacher and Sunday School president. He served as a member of the Sixth Quorum of the Seventy from 2010 to 2016.

Elder Gerard received both a bachelor of arts degree in political science and a juris doctor degree from George Washington University. During his career he has worked as president and CEO for several entities, including McClure,

Gerard & Neuenschwander, Inc.; National Mining Association; American Chemistry Council; and, most recently, American Petroleum Institute.

A native of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Elder Gerard has served in a number of Church callings, including full-time missionary in the Australia Sydney Mission, ward mission leader, counselor in a bishopric, nursery leader, stake president, Scoutmaster, ward Young Men advisor, and bishop.

Elder Gerard and his wife, Claudette Neff, are the parents of eight children.

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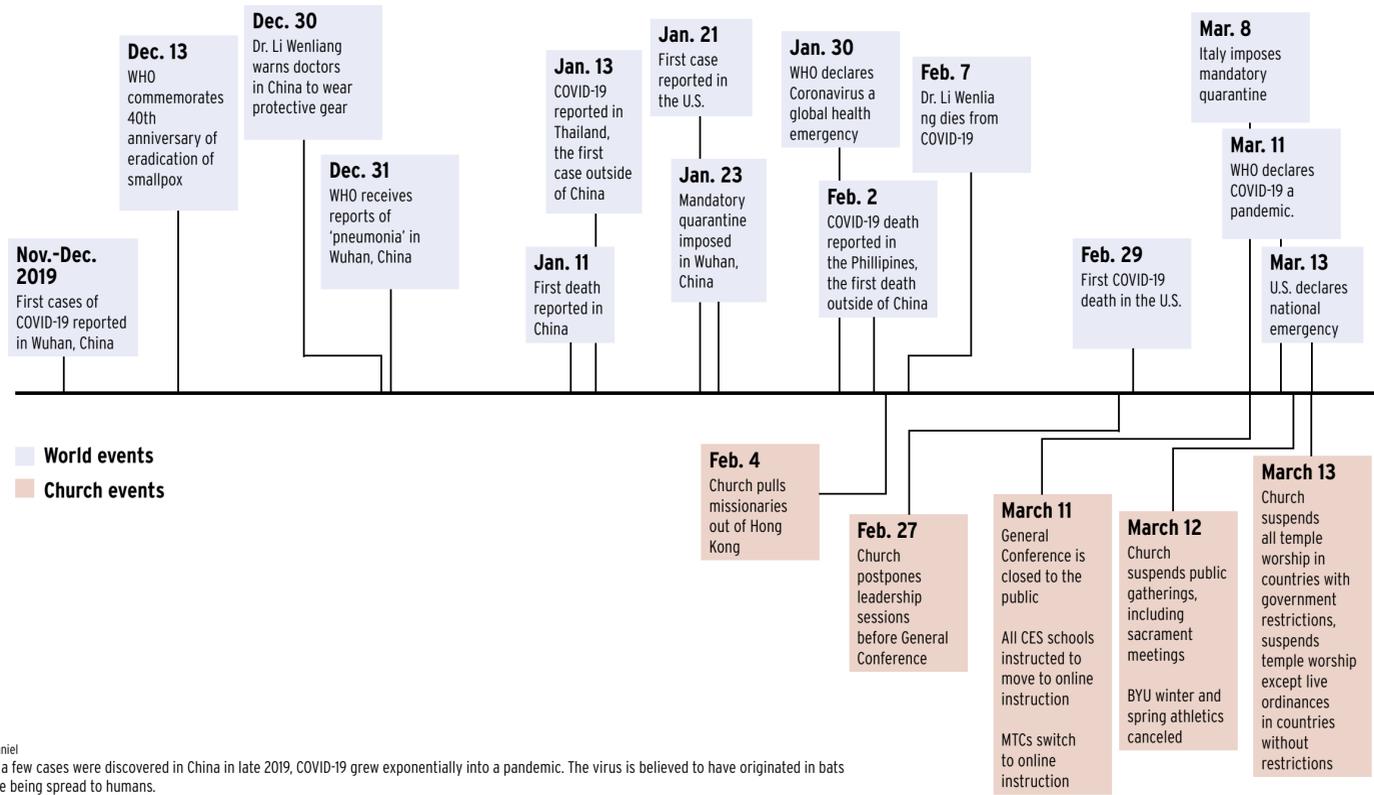
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# COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## Progression of COVID-19



Ben Daniel  
After a few cases were discovered in China in late 2019, COVID-19 grew exponentially into a pandemic. The virus is believed to have originated in bats before being spread to humans.



The CougarEat is empty around 11 a.m., when its usually full of students, on March 16 - BYU's second day of canceled classes. Preston Crawley

## BYU cancels classes March 13-17; Church cancels all public meetings

By SYDNEE GONZALEZ

BYU announced over Twitter that all classes on March 13, 16 and 17 are canceled in alignment with COVID-19 guidelines issued by the Church Education System on Wednesday, March 11. BYU stated that since some courses cannot reasonably meet

remotely, college deans will communicate with their departments about any specific exceptions. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints also announced late Thursday that all worship services, activities and other public gatherings have been temporarily canceled worldwide. This includes: "Where possible, leaders should conduct any essential

leadership meetings via technology. Specific questions may be referred to local priesthood leaders. Further direction related to other matters will be provided," the statement reads. "Bishops should counsel with their stake president to determine how to make the sacrament available to members at least once a month." BYU students are also being

encouraged to consider leaving campus and returning home to finish winter semester through remote coursework. "We recognize individual circumstances may not allow this. Services and on-campus housing will continue to be available for those who choose to remain," reads the tweet. More information can be found on the BYU coronavirus page.

## Members deal with canceled travel plans for General Conference

By JENNY GOLDSBERRY

Members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints are changing their travel plans after the Church opted to broadcast the April 2020 General Conference online only. Aubrienne Perry lives with her family in Okinawa, Japan. She was planning on attending the Saturday session with her husband and daughter, just before dropping her daughter off at the Missionary Training Center to begin her mission. But with the Church taking recent precautions against, both of those plans have changed. "We're staying put here in Okinawa," Perry said. "(My daughter's) MTC date has been delayed." Perry is one of thousands of

members who had to cancel their plans to travel to Salt Lake. During a typical Conference session, Temple Square is prepped to host over 20,000 people, both in the Conference Center and the Tabernacle. Now, Church leaders will be barring the public from attending all sessions. Lara Cornelli de Ferro, a woman from Spain, has never attended a live session of General Conference. "It's been my dream for 29 years," de Ferro said. Now, she says she'll watch it "via the internet, like always." The airline de Ferro booked her flight with emailed her to let her know their policy regarding her trip. "I have to contact the company so that they can change the dates," she said. "They don't say anything about refunds." Perry, on the other hand, had her flight from Okinawa to Salt Lake City rerouted amidst the chaos. "I was able to cancel for a full refund," she said. Connor Holt and his family were planning on traveling to General Conference from Logan, Utah. "I enjoy going in person," he said. "We're here in Utah, so we have the chance." They already had their tickets for the Saturday afternoon session. Holt is glad that the Church is taking precautions, even if that means he has to change his plans. "I think it's good that the Church is taking these precautions," he said. "Conference is a world-wide thing, so it could be easy to transmit (COVID-19) there." He says he still plans to gather with family to watch the sessions. "I don't think sickness-wise there is anything that is stopping us from going," he said.

## March Madness, sports canceled over COVID-19

By AARON FITZNER

The NCAA and BYU Athletics released news regarding the status of the NCAA March Madness basketball tournaments, men's volleyball tournament and other NCAA championship tournaments and sporting events held on BYU campus. "Today, NCAA President Mark Emmert and the Board of Governors canceled the Division I men's and women's 2020 basketball tournaments, as well as all remaining winter and spring NCAA championships. The decision is based on the evolving COVID-19 public health threat, our ability to ensure the events do not contribute to spread of the pandemic, and the impracticality of hosting such events at any

time during this academic year given ongoing decisions by other entities," the NCAA press release said. "These announcements affect all championship tournaments that would have taken place during the winter and spring months. Specific to BYU, the men's basketball team, men's volleyball team and track and field teams would have all been participating in their respective championship tournaments. If the final standings are taken as of March 12, BYU men's volleyball would finish as the nation's No. 1 team, while men's basketball would finish with a No. 14 ranking and women's track and field would finish with a No. 9 ranking. BYU also announced that it would be taking measures in the form of canceling all sporting events on BYU campus.

## COVID-19 precautions prompt panic buying

By ALICIA MATSUURA

Panic buying toilet paper, hand sanitizer, cleaning products and other necessities appears to be a new trend in connection to the coronavirus outbreak. Grocery stores and retailers in the area have experienced a shortage due to the high demand for these products. Jake Gaskin is the owner of Southend Market located on 700 East on South Campus. In the six years he's been the owner, this is the first time the store has run out of toilet paper. "From what I can tell, the activity in the store has been a little bit crazier than usual, but not out of control," Gaskin said.



Shoppers line up outside Costco in Orem. A similar scene has been found at other grocers. Preston Crawley

## CES advises students to beware of COVID-19 scams

By ALICIA MATSUURA

Health risks aren't the only dangers present with the spread of COVID-19; online scams can also pose a serious threat. BYU University Communications sent out an email Friday afternoon warning the campus community of phishing emails, social media postings and text messages associated with coronavirus. "Amid concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Church Educational System (CES) Operations Center is advising the campus community to beware of scams and malware being circulated via email and social media," the email reads. The scams usually involve impersonation of health officials or other official communication to trick users into giving up

personal information, according to the email. "Cybercriminals are spreading links to malicious sites disguised as reliable COVID-19 maps such as the one at Johns Hopkins University to infect computers with malware. Links to these sites are being circulated either on social media or through misleading emails," the email states. The email also mentions reports of students receiving text messages about COVID-19 from false sources that claim to be the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This is a hoax. "In a real notification, the Utah County Health Department would attempt to first call an individual. If the individual can't be reached by phone, the health department would send an email with an official letter," reads a statement on the BYU website.

## Staying healthy Flattening the curve

By BEN DANIEL

An outbreak like COVID-19 can seem overwhelming, but you can help yourself and others stay healthy by better understanding the virus and following a few simple precautions.

### How do I keep from getting sick?

Keep your distance. In public spaces, that means six feet. COVID-19 is spread through respiratory droplets, so make sure you stay out of the splash zone of anyone that sneezes. It may be tempting to get together with friends and family, especially since many people are off work and school. Don't give in. The more you are around people, the greater chance you have of contracting or spreading the virus. Wash your hands often. And use soap. It's been working since 2800 B.C. and it still works now. Sing "Happy Birthday" twice as you wash your hands to make sure you are washing long enough. Scrub your palms, in between your fingers and on the back of your hand. Use warm water. If washing your hands is not an option, use hand sanitizer.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. These are high-risk areas for contracting and spreading the virus. In general, avoid touching any part of your face.

Clean and disinfect often. Especially if you or someone around you is sick. This is not just at home. If you are still going to work, disinfect your workspace often. When you go out in public, to go grocery shopping for example, disinfect any high-contact surfaces you touch.

Disinfect any other high-contact areas as well. A huge culprit is your phone. Ensure you disinfect it often, especially after being in public.

### Am I sick?

Winter is full of all sorts of illnesses. How can you be sure if you do or don't have COVID-19? The Centers for Disease Control

and Prevention (CDC) lists the following as symptoms of the coronavirus:

- Fever
  - Cough
  - Shortness of breath
- There are several illnesses with these symptoms, but it is better to be safe and get tested. If in doubt, get it checked out.

Call your healthcare provider and explain to them your symptoms and why you think it may be COVID-19. They will help you decide whether you need to be tested or not.

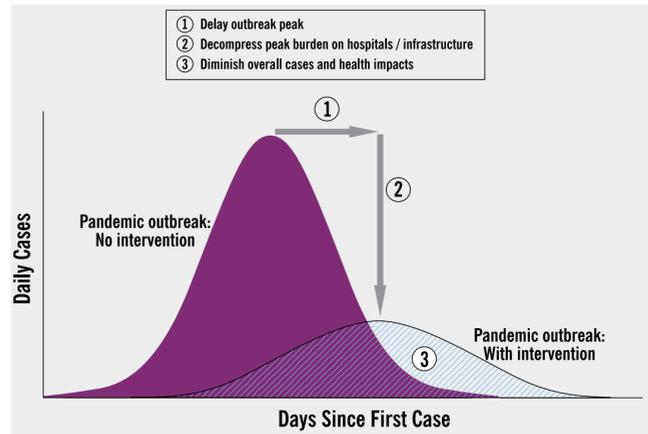
### What do I do if I am sick?

Call your healthcare provider. They will know how best to help you. Make sure you call ahead before going to see them so that they can prepare. Many cases of COVID-19 are mild and can be treated through self-isolation at home; however, that is not your decision to make, it is your healthcare provider's. If you are recovering at home, make sure to isolate yourself from other people you live with. Have someone else watch your pets. Don't cuddle with them. While the CDC hasn't had any reports of pets contracting the disease from their owners, they recommend avoiding contact with them until you have recovered.

Avoid public transportation and going out in public at all. If you must go out in public, wear a mask and avoid any form of contact with other people. If your symptoms begin to be serious, contact your healthcare provider. Stay home until you are instructed to leave regardless of how serious your symptoms are.

### Other tips

Know if you are at higher risk for serious illnesses such as COVID-19. Higher risk people include older adults and people with heart disease, diabetes or lung disease. Don't hoard groceries. Roads and vehicles aren't susceptible to coronavirus, there will be plenty of food in the store. In fact, panicking and quickly buying large amounts of food actually hurts



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
In an outbreak, the goal of government action is to contain the spread of a virus so that medical infrastructure is not overloaded.

the community situation and can make it harder for those who really need to get food.

Don't be fooled by stigmas surrounding the virus. This illness does not target specific racial or ethnic groups. There is also no known risk of contracting the disease by attending the funeral of someone who died from it. Additionally, there is no risk of contracting the disease from animals.

Be smart and take this virus seriously. Yes, this virus is less dangerous for young people and those without pre-existing conditions, but that doesn't mean it is 'just the flu' (not to mention, the flu kills thousands every year).

Remember that you have a responsibility to protect those around you from the virus as well, and that means doing all you can to keep it from spreading.

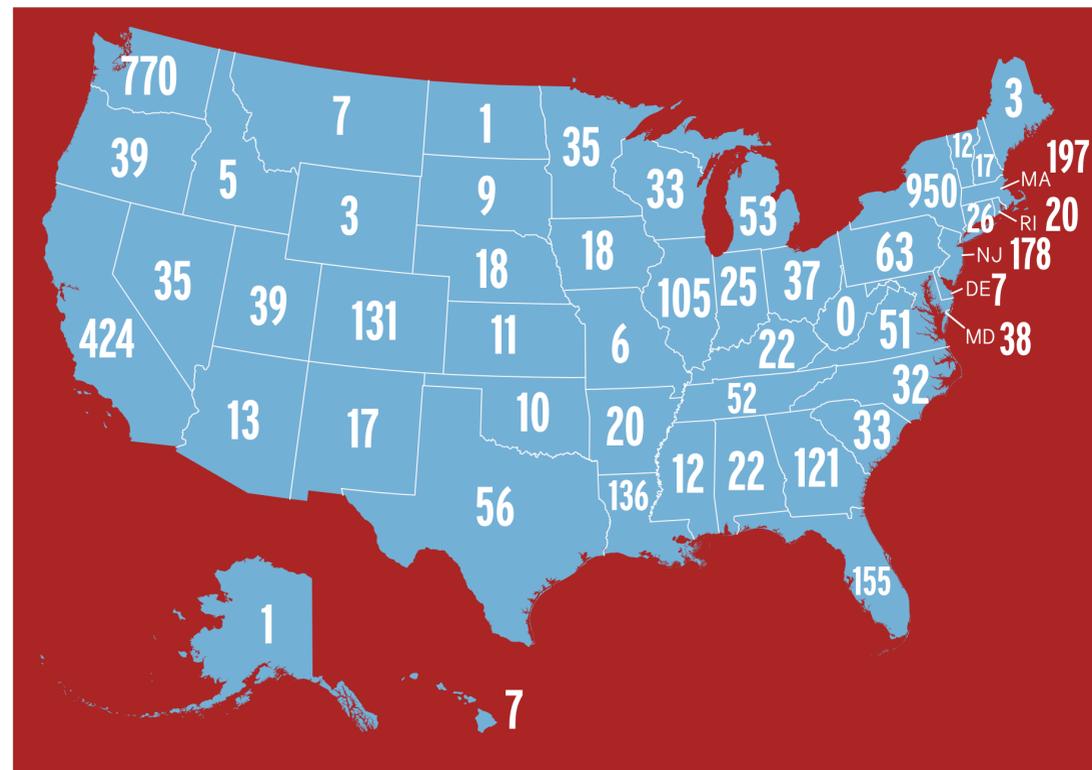
## COVID-19 Impact

**181,377** cases worldwide  
**7,119** deaths worldwide  
**4,464** cases in the U.S.  
**78** deaths in the U.S.  
**39** cases in Utah

Updated as of 5:59 p.m. March 16.

Ben Daniel

## Active US COVID-19 cases



Active COVID-19 cases in each state as of 5:59 p.m. Mar. 16. Scan the image with the *Universe Plus* app to see John Hopkins University's up-to-date, interactive map.

Allie Peterson





## Tweet Beat

#BYU #BYUprobs

Want to see your tweet in print? Tweet something about life around you with #BYUprobs or #BYU and hopefully it makes the cut.

Leave comments at universe.byu.edu or @UniverseBYU

@itsjustjaybae

BYU is now just one big homeschool.

@Maditcook

@HeardAtBYU "the trick to looking yoked is buying your shirts a size too small"

@facturial

"I would picture Jesus at the end of the treadmill and then I would just go for it!" @HeardAtBYU

@hankrsmith

God sent the coronavirus to stop the NCMOs at BYU.

@inneedmoresleep

"little kid playing on the stairs"  
"I can't run anymore! I can't walk anymore! I'm too tired..."  
"yells" I can't live anymore!"  
Me too kid. Me too...  
@HeardAtBYU

@TheFyneNine

Girl A: "Oh my gosh your FHE brothers are RMs? I'm SO jealous!"  
Girl B: "Yeah don't be"  
@HeardAtBYU

@Y\_Soup

I love how twitter gives us access to so many experts. The same people who are experts on coaching football and basketball are also experts on the global economy, and infectious disease, parenting, hamburger chains, and BYU's honor code.

@DarnellWrites

Guard at NCAA Tourney site: "Are you family?"  
BYU fan: "Yes. Let me show you on this app, Family Search."  
@BYUBasketball #NCAATournament

@danlewburn

"I TOLD you to shoot your shot and now classes are cancelled!"  
@HeardAtBYU

@KiaraMercedes\_

15 hours ago  
BYU: you get no spring break!!!!  
"literal pandemic outbreak"  
BYU: okay you can have spring break, ~as a treat~

@Txfmormonism

We went from 3 hour, to 2 hour, to 0 hour church

@erinkay32

Is COVID-19 just a giant ploy to make sure that BYU fans never feel any joy? #MarchSadness

@AbigailService\_

With the public not being allowed in to the LDS general conference, I guess the apostles will just be preaching to the choir.

@hankrsmith

I haven't had a calendar this clear since the day I got back from my mission.

@joewheat27

The irony of not having to go to classes due to Coronavirus is that daily acts of hygiene are about to be at an all time low.

@basicprovobro

Economy: \*crashes\*

Millennials: lol check out this Corona Tik-tok

@mac\_kachow

"Byu tv IS church" @HeardAtBYU

@FarmerSariah

@HeardAtBYU I feel like #LovesBlind can come to Provo and we can call it love is quarantined

@BrookeH785

Student 1: "Are you singing Les Mis?"  
Student 2: "No, that was Rihanna"  
@HeardAtBYU

@mormcore

In a Walmart, some woman with maroon spiked relief society hair ominously told me, apropos of nothing, "Stock up. I'm serious. For 4 weeks. Something worse is coming down the pipeline, and it isn't the virus." before walking away. I think she was one of the 3 Nephites

@jlinehan9

They need those theme park signs at grocery stores that tell you how long the wait is

@jessienoelle13

"talking about coronavirus"  
"We should follow Dumbledore's example and just cancel finals."  
@HeardAtBYU

@CassK9

THINGS YOU CAN DO IN QUARANTINE:

- chores
- sweep till the floor's all clean
- polish
- wax
- do laundry
- mop & shine up
- sweep again and by then it's like 7:15
- read a book or maybe 2 or 3
- add a few new paintings to my gallery
- play guitar
- knit
- cook
- wonder when will my life begin

Tweets are unedited.

## READERS' FORUM

### Media causes mayhem

According to Abraham Lincoln, "A house divided against itself cannot stand." Satan knows that and is trying so hard to divide us. So we should ask ourselves, "What is causing the division between people today?" There is one answer that stands out from among the rest: Media.

Media "controls the minds of the masses," according to Malcolm X. It has the ability to divide people, families and a nation. It can cause worry, panic, fear, hatred, anger and any other horrifying feeling within someone almost out of thin air. That is how the division starts.

Let's look at the coronavirus, for example. How deadly is it? The World Health Organization says that the mortality rate is around 2 to 3 percent, however other health experts report that the actual percentage is not that high since not all cases are diagnosed or reported.

One might ask, "If the case-fatality rate is that small, why is it such a big deal?" Again, the media. At this point, we should be less worried about the virus and more worried about the panic that is causing the public health system to become overwhelmed.

Don't get me wrong. We should be aware of the coronavirus, its symptoms and how we can prevent it, but we also need to remain calm about it. We can't let the media scare us into panic buying toilet paper, water or hand-sanitizer. When that happens, resources will eventually run out. All because that's what the media puts into their minds.

One might say, "What am I supposed to do about it? I don't work for CNN, CBS or NBC." While that may be true, you still have an active role in the media today. Anybody with a social media account participates with the rest of the media. However, the keyboard is a doubled-edged sword.

There is nothing wrong with posting memes and opinions and recent political events, but do it in an uplifting and accurate manner. Post something that will have a positive impact on the community; not something that will cause us to create more mayhem. This world could use a little more of the good stuff.

—Brandon Southwick  
Kanab, Utah

### Silence is golden

"Thank you for being quiet in the library," a nearby sign says. The word "QUIET" appears in big, capital and unmistakable letters, accompanied by a large graphic of someone pressing their finger to their lips.

For studying, I love the quiet atmosphere of the HBLL. As I try to concentrate while on the bottom floor, however, I somewhat frequently find my focus fragmented by another's voice cutting through the silence like a dull hatchet. Whether it's someone on the phone or a group of friends shooting the breeze at a nearby table, I can't help but cast disapproving glances their way. I know I'm not the only one, either. Scanning my surroundings, I often see at

least one other poor soul with a look on their face that seems to lament, "Really?" Perhaps I could afford to show a little more courage, but none of us seem to have the heart or the guts to go and ask the perpetrator to please pipe down.

Loud whispers still travel. Yes, we all love to talk to our friends, and of course we need that kind of social interaction, but there's a time and a place for it. I'm sorry, but I don't think any of those trying to study in the quiet zone really want to be dragged into hearing a recitation of someone else's stresses or triumphs. From a fellow student, this is a friendly reminder to please keep conversations where they belong. When we don't, others suffer silently and needlessly.

—Charles Reid  
Provo, Utah

### Intramurals for everyone

The mission of intramural activities at Brigham Young University is to provide a variety of wholesome recreational activities to its students. It's supposed to be a fun way to play ball with your friends. But what happens when a six-foot four-inch man, who has a wife and a 2 year-old daughter, runs over a five-foot-eight-inch freshman on his way to the hoop?

This situation is beyond competitive drive. When a team signs up to play in an intramural league, they select a division for themselves according to how they judge their skill level. As a five-foot-six freshman on a team with other small freshman, I joined the lowest division. Yet my team loses by 20 or more points every game because higher-skilled men decided to chase the glory of an intramural champions T-shirt by playing in the lowest possible division. This is an abuse of the intramural system at BYU.

If the Intramural Office "strives to provide programming for all levels of ability and experience" (as they say on their website), then they need to strive harder. Yes "all levels of ability and experience" are allowed to participate, but often times the matches are so lopsided that it is challenging for those of us who are not incredible athletes to enjoy ourselves. Why should it be a requirement to be six-foot with years of experience to have a good time playing intramural basketball?

The goal is for the students to monitor themselves by dividing into divisions of relatively equal ability and size to provide for equal play and more fun. That "goal" is failing miserably. The responsibility now falls on the Intramural Office to fix things. They must either select the divisions themselves based on age, size and experience, or put in place a system that promotes and demotes teams based on their performance. Teams need to be put in their correct order.

I'm tired of intramural sports being made into a highlight reel for old, large men on the basketball court, football field and other venues. Let's keep an eye out for the little guys.

—Henry Fillmore  
Portland, Oregon

## OPINION OUTPOST

The Opinion Outpost features opinions and commentary on the latest hot topics from state and national news sources.

### States take action against COVID-19

The president of the United States Wednesday night brandished his own favorite hammer at his most feared nail, pretending to take action against the spread of the potentially deadly coronavirus by making flimsy and false statements about how he would protect the nation from the COVID-19 bug by banning all travel from Europe to the United States.

The announcement offered little to nothing in the way of things that might actually help.

So the best advice right now may be to stop listening to the president and start listening to people who have a clue what they are talking about. A list

that includes Utah Gov. Gary Herbert and the governors and health officials of other states and localities.

If you are sick, stay home. Employers, please be understanding of people who are sick or are caring for someone who is or have been exposed to someone who is. Forcing someone who is sick or at risk to come to work because they fear losing their job is a really bad idea.

Large gatherings are a bad idea. Herbert says groups of 100 or more should be avoided, and those who are over 60 or with any kind of compromised health condition should avoid gatherings of 20 or more people.

—Editorial Board  
The Salt Lake Tribune

### Global displacement

The world faces a humanitarian crisis of historic proportions — and one that doesn't involve the coronavirus. Over the last

decade, global displacement of people from their homes due to war or political instability has grown from about 44 million to more than 71 million, which the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees says far surpasses the estimated 60 million people displaced by World War II.

—Editorial Board  
The Los Angeles Times

### Pandemics and terrorists

Pandemics and terrorists have much in common. Their advantage lies in fear and uncertainty, in the sense that they are too large to overcome and too dangerous to survive.

They rob people of perspective, pushing them to feel as if they wander in a thick forest of disturbing news flashes and never-ending doom.

All these are false perceptions.

The attacks of 9/11 could not destroy the nation, and neither will the COVID-19 virus destroy life as we know it.

—Editorial Board  
Deseret News

### Profits ahead of public health

As the new coronavirus spreads across the United States, the time has come for restaurants, retailers and other

industries that rely on low-wage labor to abandon their parsimonious resistance to paid sick leave. Companies that do not pay sick workers to stay home are endangering their workers, their customers and the health of the broader public.

Studies show that paying for sick employees to stay home significantly reduces the spread of the seasonal flu. There's every reason to think it would help to check the new coronavirus, too.

—Editorial Board  
The New York Times

### School closings

Most negatively affected will be low-income families who rely on schools to provide critical services, including breakfast and lunch, access to learning materials, counseling for children suffering from trauma and even laundry.

It will be a struggle for many parents, in low-paying jobs with no paid leave, to arrange child care.

—Editorial Board  
The Washington Post

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

The Universe encourages students, faculty and BYU staff to add their voice to ours by writing letters to the editor and guest editorials, or by submitting editorial cartoons.

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  - Letters should be no more than 250 words and may be edited for length, clarity or style.
  - Guest editorials should be 500 to 700 words and are encouraged from individuals with professional or academic expertise on the topic.
  - Original cartoons are also welcome.
- Opinion editor Spencer McWilliams can be reached at universe.ideas@gmail.com.

## Miki Jauhiainen's path to BYU volleyball



Hannah Miner

Miki Jauhiainen celebrates a point with his teammates against Pepperdine on Feb. 8.

By HANNAH MINER

BYU volleyball's Miki Jauhiainen finished his senior season as top performer on the court and in the classroom.

The middle blocker grew up in Tampere, Finland, and started playing volleyball around age 10 after watching his dad and older sister play. Finland doesn't have organized sports in most schools, so he started playing with a club. Later, he was able to attend a particular high school that had a volleyball team.

"You have to specifically go to a high school that has your sport," Jauhiainen explained. "So I went to one of those, and it was basically our junior national team. We all went there to school so we could practice together and then went to tournaments."

Jauhiainen decided that after high school, he wanted to attend university and continue playing volleyball. In Finland, universities don't have athletic teams, so playing a sport and attending university is difficult. Jauhiainen said he talked to people who tried to do both, but they had to focus on one or the other. He decided

to come to the U.S. so he could play volleyball and pursue a college degree.

"I could have tried to just go pro, but I wanted to keep studying and get some kind of degree because it's important," Jauhiainen said.

He knew a Finnish coach who had played and coached in the U.S. and he would have helpful connections.

"I just I asked him, 'Hey, can you send out an email for me? Just let whoever you know that I'm looking for a team,'" Jauhiainen said.

He was then put in contact with Luka Slabe, one of BYU's assistant coaches from 2015-18. He decided to

attend BYU because out of the three schools that reached out to him, it was the only one that needed a middle blocker, didn't have to wait for more test scores and was affordable.

The transition to BYU was smoother than expected for Jauhiainen. He was excited to be in a different country, meet new people and experience a new culture. He said that attending high school away from home made the change easier.

"I was expecting to start missing home or something like that," Jauhiainen said, "but the team was great, we went right into playing because I got here in December, so the season

started right away. I was just playing volleyball, it was just like any other road trip at first."

Jauhiainen's family was supportive of him throughout his journey.

"They watch all the games as soon as they wake up in the morning," Jauhiainen said. "My grandma stays up all night watching the games, which is amazing. And my dad always texts me like, 'Hey, you did good, you could improve here.'"

Jauhiainen had career totals of 283 blocks and 196 kills, with a hitting percentage of .382. He started in 17 games during his senior season and earned 101.5 points and had 72 blocks, 21 digs and 61 kills. Assistant coach Devin Young said that Jauhiainen works hard and is always focused.

"That's the biggest thing about Miki; he's a guy who's out there, getting his stuff done on and off the court, working as hard as he can in school, working as hard as he can on the floor," Young said. "He's great at leaving outside distractions behind as he comes into the gym, asks a lot of really good questions, pays attention to all the coaching that he receives and he's always working on new skills to get better at."

Not only did the computer science major excel in volleyball, but he also he excels in academics. He has received MPSF All-Academic honors for the past two years after earning a 4.0 GPA. Head coach Shawn Olmstead said Jauhiainen is the best example of what it means to be a student athlete.

"Miki's just an outstanding influence on each one of our guys," coach Olmstead said. "He's an outstanding student, every single day he's got his schedule prioritized, he takes full advantage of every minute of every day. He understands that he's here to get an outstanding education to be a great representative of BYU, and he's a pretty good volleyball player that works really hard."

Jauhiainen said he has a lot of good memories from his time at BYU. He recalled moments when BYU was down 2-0 and came back to win the match, and said he really enjoys every home game. One of his favorite memories was during his freshman year, when the crowd stormed the court.

"That was one of my first games, and I was just like, 'This place is insane. I love it,'" Jauhiainen said.

## Women's tennis doubles team starts with 9-2 record

By EMILY STRONG

No. 1 doubles partnership Leah Heimuli and Kate Cusick Truman continued their winning streak leading into a series of conference matches throughout March.

Cusick Truman is a senior playing at both No. 1 singles and No. 1 doubles and has been playing for the Cougars for the last four years. Heimuli is a junior who played for BYU Hawaii her freshman year with a perfect record of 24-0 in singles and 19-0 in doubles play before transferring for her sophomore season to the University of Utah. Heimuli transferred to BYU for the 2019-2020 season.

"I ended up here at BYU because of (the) coaching, but I feel like overall it was a good move in all areas of my life," Heimuli said. "I am a member (of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints) and I grew up always being a BYU fan. It didn't work out originally, but I'm here now and I'm happy I am."

This is the pair's first season playing together even though they have known each other for years. Both Cusick Truman and Heimuli were hoping to play doubles with one another when Heimuli officially transferred and the coaching staff paired them together during training.

"When I found out that Leah was transferring, I immediately knew that I wanted to play doubles with her," Cusick Truman said. "I didn't say anything to anyone because the coaches need to do what is best for the team, but when they did put me with Leah, I was so excited."

Their style of play along with their off-court friendship has made for a winning combo within the tennis program. The pair talked about how their aggression on the court and their ability to trust one another is what makes them a winning team.



Preston Crawley

Leah Heimuli looks to swing during a practice.

"We both are aggressive players and we both have good hands at net," said Heimuli. "In doubles, usually the more aggressive team wins because they are closing at the net."

Both players have strong serves and returns, but the pair's on-court chemistry is partly because of their off-court friendship. During an interview with the Universe, Cusick Truman and Heimuli were laughing and talking about the fact that while they take their matches very seriously, they will make jokes and take breaks because their personalities complement each other, which helps them be successful.

"We both know that we both want to win so bad," Cusick Truman said. "We know we have each other's backs."



Preston Crawley

Kate Cusick Truman returns a serve during practice. Truman plays at No. 1 for singles and doubles in her fourth year for the Cougars.

Going into each week, Heimuli and Cusick Truman strategize during practices by watching their opponents' style of play, adapting during the match and trusting one another's judgment.

"For example, when we played Denver, we knew they like to serve and

volley a lot, so we worked a lot on hitting low at their feet or hitting down the line," Heimuli said. "It helps to not feel as much pressure when we are in that situation."

The pair hoped to be ranked by the end of the season before BYU cancelled all sports due to COVID-19. In

several matches they came back from behind to win matches, proving they work well as a team.

"We are fighters," Heimuli said. "No matter what the game is, it's never over 'till it's over, and I know that neither of us is going to give up," Heimuli said.



Preston Crawley

Alex Barcello grimaces as he waits for teammates to help during a game against Santa Clara on Feb. 20.

## BASKETBALL

### Disappointment on the court

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Keegan Pope also compared the 2020 BYU team to that of the 2011 season, when Jimmer led his team to the Sweet 16, one of the most historic BYU teams in program history. He then pointed out that BYU has an entire team that shoots over 42% from beyond the arc, not just a single player. “If BYU can get hot and maintain that for a few games in the Big Dance, look out.”

**David Cobb, CBS Sports analyst:** After the “One Shining

Moment” video surfaced and the internet highlighted the biggest games and plays of the year, Cobb couldn’t help but think that BYU would have been included if it were given the opportunity to make its long awaited NCAA tournament debut. “Can you imagine the type of play that BYU head coach Mark Pope would have gotten as he led the Cougars to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2011?” Cobb asked.

Sportsline made a simulation using CBS Sports Bracketology expert Jerry Palm’s picks and projections. While Cobb said March Madness is often random and contributes to upsets and other things that makes March great, the simulation still revealed Cinderella teams and captured some of the biggest storylines that could have made this

season one to remember. The simulation had BYU as a No. 6 seed beating No. 3 Seton Hall to advance to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2011.

BYU finished its season ranked No. 14 in the AP Poll and an average 5.53 seed out of 90 different brackets, according to Bracket Matrix. Fans of basketball took to Twitter to ask the NCAA to release the bracket of 64 teams despite the March Madness cancellation so teams would know if their hard work paid off, but the NCAA announced that it would not release the bracket, which means BYU won’t know for sure what the seed would’ve been.

Coach Pope recently acknowledged the cancellations, and while sad, he said his team would keep moving forward like they always have.

## New doubles partnership brought new success for BYU men’s tennis



Hannah Miner

David Ball practices his serve during an outdoor practice before BYU athletics were cancelled.

By EMILY STRONG

A new doubles partnership sparked success for the Cougars as they continued their home match winning streak.

Seniors David Ball and Sean Hill played on the same team for the last three years and both players spoke about their chemistry off the court having spent long hours with each other. Over the last three years, the pair became good friends but never had the opportunity to play together on the court before this season.

“Before the home opener, we decided to try putting Sean and I together because we are good friends and we have good chemistry,” Ball said. “We definitely came together in a roundabout way, but it has been a good partnership so far.”

After a series of hard matches against ranked opponents on the road, the Cougars came home wanting to refresh.

Due to injury, the team reorganized doubles partnerships. In all of the transition, the coaches alongside the players decided that Ball and Hill would be a promising partnership.

In their debut match together against East Tennessee and Weber State on Feb. 1, Ball and Hill won both of their matches — the only doubles pair to do so. After their doubles victory, the pair was nominated as WCC Doubles Team of the Week, which was the first WCC nomination for the Cougars this season. This was Ball’s first nomination in doubles and Hill’s fifth time as part of a doubles team of the week. Previously, Hill was nominated with teammate Jeffrey Hsu, who graduated after the 2019 season.

“We are having a good start, and it is showcasing how good of a doubles team we can be and hopefully there is more to come,” Hill said.

Since their debut as partners, this new team had only

lost one of the six matches they played together. The pair claimed victories over New Mexico and UNLV on the road along with a home win against Utah State. BYU assistant coach Aidan Carrazedo said Ball and Hill’s success can’t just be attributed to them being great tennis players; instead, Carrazedo said they each have different strengths that complement each other.

“David is a really good leader on and off the court and he brings out the best in Sean and brings the energy. I think Sean is really calm and relaxed on the court and I think that helps David stay in the moment,” Carrazedo said.

Before BYU canceled sports due to COVID-19, both seniors had hoped to continue having success together.

“One of the biggest things that we are trying to do is have a lot of fun with this,” Ball said. “We have the mentality of leaving everything on the court, and I think that has showed with the success we have been having.”

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WHY ARE YOU STARING AT YOUR HAND, EARL? IT LOOKS LIKE I WROTE MYSELF A NOTE IN BLUE INK, BUT I CAN'T READ IT. I GUESS IT GOT SMLDGED.

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WOW... AND, NO, YOU CAN'T JOIN THEM... WE'RE CARRIERS OF THE NEWS MEDIA INFO-VIRUS. DANG.

SO... WE CAN'T GO TO THAT ISLAND OF NO-NEWS BLISS? NOPE. ANYONE WHO'S INFECTED WITH KNOWLEDGE OF CURRENT EVENTS ISN'T ALLOWED.

OH... SO THEN IT'S OVER BETWEEN YOU AND VICTORIA, HA? WELL, THEIR PLAN IS...

THE CRUISE WILL RETURN ONCE SANITY HAS BEEN RESTORED HERE. OH... OK... SO THEN IT'S NAIL-IN-THE-COFFIN OVER. SIGH... I'VE GOT TO GET TO THAT ISLAND.

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SLAM! I'M HOME!

KLUNK! KLUNK!

HAVE YOU EVER CHECKED THOSE THINGS FOR AN OLD LADY WITH LOTS OF CHILDREN LIVING INSIDE?

### Sudoku

Use the numbers 1-9 once in each row, column and marked grid of 9. Puzzles increase in difficulty from left to right. Solutions are at [universe.byu.edu/sudoku](http://universe.byu.edu/sudoku).

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### The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0210

**ACROSS**

- Cost for a radio or TV commercial
- Mafia enforcer, e.g.
- Bra size specification
- Glacier climber's tool
- What Tarzan swings on
- College in New Rochelle, N.Y.
- Suitable for moviemaking?
- Hauls with effort
- Taylor (clothing chain)
- Geometric calculation
- Impressionist Claude
- Movie munchkin, maybe?
- Sharply punched
- Speedster Bolt
- One of the 40 in "the back 40"

**DOWN**

- Big name in kitchen wrap
- Ump's call for a batter
- Opposed
- Chairlift rider, perhaps
- Author Waugh
- Picture (Oscars category)
- Misdivision of the body
- Japanese consumer electronics brand
- Rodent control brand
- Plant with fronds
- Dine on
- What to do after you breathe in
- Appliance with a screen and a remote
- Part of a drum kit
- Card game with Draw Two cards
- Understand
- Mississippi port city with an Air Force base
- Add up the number of people present
- Felix of "The Odd Couple"
- Fettuccine or farfalle
- Low-humidity
- Had in mind
- Civil War prez
- Move suddenly and unsteadily

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

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### The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0211

**ACROSS**

- Story of why you really couldn't have done it
- Car rental partner of Budget
- Open a bit
- Minus item, in accounting
- Oenophile's love
- Cops, slangily
- Plants in abandoned lots
- Lighting display at many a rock concert
- Overdue amount
- Strike callers
- Symbol of pride
- Channel famous for veejays
- Homer's H
- Dim bulbs
- Papermaking material
- It often introduces new wrinkles
- Sign before Taurus
- 33 & 35 Complete success... or a hint to 18-, 23-, 46- and 51-Across
- Mourner's emotion
- Sigma Chi, Sigma Phi and Sigma Pi
- Hankering
- Bluffer's words in poker, maybe
- Actress Zadora
- Food additive with "the fifth taste"
- Comeuppance for a package thief
- In an overwhelming way
- Letter flourishes
- Sport that can leave you with wets

**DOWN**

- "Congratulations! You've been selected..." program
- Eye lustfully
- The Basques' peninsula
- #2 for #44
- "Things may well not happen the way you suppose"
- Beltmaker's tool
- Through, on an itinerary
- "Yo mama" joke, e.g.
- Perceived to be
- Lhasa (dog)
- Who said "In every walk with Nature, one receives far more than he seeks"
- Guests at the Last Supper
- Do some sculling
- Fix, as a contest
- "The Thinker" sculptor
- Turkey piece

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

ILOTAS AMI SCOPE TORCH EAR ORKIN SHOE HORNS MAINE YSL MAO BAILS LOVETRIANGLES BANE DNY BTW OCCAM ALF CITI CHAMPAGNE FLUTES TINA CUT UBERS ECO BRA BIKE TAPER RECORDERS NEVIS BEN CIA PENIN SEX ORGANS CRETE PSI ANDRE PYRES YET MUSIC

### The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0211

**ACROSS**

- Country or heavy metal
- Actress Merrill of "Butterfield 8"
- Polish before publishing
- Like granola, largely
- Lose sleep (over)
- Sound of a flop
- Shooting sport
- "Congratulations! You've been selected..." program
- Eye lustfully
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- Pick up on
- Start of a billiards game
- Pesky swarmer
- Shareable PC file
- Actress Lucy of "Elementary"
- Relative of Inc.

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**

25 Something a lighthouse beacon cuts through 34 Pasta often served with clam sauce 44 Not answering at roll call 27 4-Down and others, for short 36 Welcome watering holes 47 Start of a billiards game 30 Those in favor 37 Place to play hoops 49 Pesky swarmer 31 Those in favor 38 Butter or olive oil 51 Shareable PC file 32 Clark Kent and Mr. Hyde, for two 40 "Yeah, right!" 52 Actress Lucy of "Elementary" 33 One may open a window for it 42 Ballet position on tiptoe 53 Relative of Inc. 43 Escapee's cry

## BYU housing responds to students returning home

By ERIKA MAGAOAY

BYU students have been encouraged to consider returning home to finish the semester after the university announced classes would move online, but housing management companies throughout Provo have responded in a variety of ways.

Jamison Layman, who lives at Park Place apartments, said that management isn't letting anyone out of contracts, which he was informed of via email.

"Recently, BYU has issued a statement on their action plan in relation to COVID-19," the email reads. "We wanted to clarify for those residents who are traveling home, this announcement does not release you from your lease. The lease contract is still in effect, and rent will be charged on the first of each month as normal."

Layman is still planning on returning home to Georgia this week because his living expenses will be lower and he has work there.

Layman said when he first got the email he was annoyed because he has already been frustrated with what he felt was a lack of maintenance on behalf of the management. "I definitely plan on living somewhere else next semester," he said. Jamison pays \$420 a month in rent and \$50 for utilities, and he will pay \$500 for the time he is not there.

Management of Alpine Village, Liberty Square and College Place have sent out similar emails informing tenants that they will not receive a refund if they return home according to tenants of the listed complexes.

Legend Real Estate sent an email to tenants living at Brownstone Condominiums

stating that though they have no plans to release anyone from their contracts, they will work with students who aren't able to work because of COVID-19. "If anyone's ability to pay rent is related to a loss of employment associated with the coronavirus, please contact our office to create a payment plan," reads an email to tenants.

On-campus housing has chosen a different response. Grace Christensen, a freshman living at Helaman Halls, is also going home early, but she's able to get her money back. "It's relieving honestly because there are so many other logistics I have to work out and finishing up last minute things for school and packing up my stuff," she said.

Christensen said she will get refunded on the rent she paid through April along with any unused money on her meal plan. "I know people have been having a hard time (getting out of contracts), so I am super lucky."

Nicole Lyons, a freshman living at Heritage Halls, is also able to receive a refund on her rent (her contract originally lasted until April).

The University of Utah has implemented the same policy for their on-campus housing, according to the U of U's Housing and Residential Education (HRE) website. All HRE tenant's accounts will be prorated and credited based on the day a cancellation request was submitted for those still home from their spring break. Tenants currently on-campus will be compensated based on their move-out date.

The University of Utah has not made clear the situation for students living in University Student Apartments (USA) according to an email to students from the university.

## Missionaries, MTC employees adjust to video conference training amid COVID-19 pandemic

By UNIVERSE STAFF

The Provo and Preston, England missionary training centers are preparing to transition to video conference training as a precaution against COVID-19 according to a news release from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Prospective missionaries and missionary training center employees are adjusting quickly to the changes despite ongoing ambiguity about how this will affect MTC operations.

Officials from the Church's missionary department explained how the remote training will work in an email sent to those scheduled to report to the affected missionary training centers in the coming weeks.

"Along with another group of missionaries, you will take part in online training led by an MTC teacher," the email reads. "You will be assigned to a remote missionary companion. You can expect to have approximately six hours of online training per day and take part in additional activities during the evenings and on weekends to help you prepare."

MTC Japanese teacher Drew Anderson said teachers and staff are confident they will be able to help missionaries in whatever way or capacity they can despite the changes and uncertainty of how the current situation will progress.

"Kelly Mills, president of operations of all the MTCs, has assured us that major changes are coming to the MTC operations as they switched to online-based instruction, and has asked teachers and staff to unite to make such significant changes in such a short amount of time," Anderson said.

MTC Malay teacher Dio Marino said he worries he won't be able to develop the kind of close relationship he could with missionaries he taught in person.

"It's more of a challenge when you're trying to train and teach

through the internet," he said. He also expressed concern that missionaries might be distracted while training from the comfort of their own home.

The email from the missionary department also encouraged missionaries to live the missionary standards and participate in personal and remote companionship study daily. Missionaries will be set apart before their remote training period begins on their originally scheduled report date, and this training period will count toward their total missionary service time. The email informed missionaries that their training materials and name tags will be mailed to them.

Ashton Whitaker was supposed to report to the Provo missionary training center on March 18 to prepare for her Spanish-speaking mission in Independence, Missouri. Although she isn't upset about the change, adjusting her plans just one week before her scheduled report date has been jarring.

"I am pretty shocked," she said. "I've been preparing for something for months and months and it feels like someone just completely flipped my whole plan around."

Whitaker, who lives with her family in Washington, said she worries not having a companion with her physically during her training will make it harder to adjust to living in a companionship in the mission field — if she gets to go to her mission, at all.

"(I'm) wondering if they will let me go on my mission in general since I am from the part of the country where the disease is the worst," she said.

Many missionaries currently in the MTC are being reassigned for the time being, including those whom Anderson teaches.

"Everyone — teachers, staff, and missionaries included — have definitely felt a sense of uncertainty and anxiousness. I was in a district today that just received their reassignments, which vary from Canada, to the States, to Australia and more. A



Dani Jardine

Sister missionaries walk through the hall of the Provo Missionary Training Center on their way to class.

lot of people have been wondering what's next," he said.

Missionaries departing later this year are also unsure what they should expect from their training experience. Hope Bates, scheduled to report to the Provo MTC July 1 for her Mandarin-speaking mission in Leeds, England, said she worries about how remote learning might affect her ability to learn her mission language.

"I'm hoping that by July the spread of the coronavirus is under control enough that I will be able to go to the MTC, but I'm also trying to be OK with it either way and develop more of an eternal perspective," Bates said. "I'm super grateful that we have the technology to allow missionaries to still be trained even not at the MTC. What a blessing!"

MTC teachers haven't yet heard if they will still be able to work their normal amount of hours in the following weeks, but Marino's not worried he said. "The MTC assures that we'll still have our jobs and working the usual amount of time unless directed otherwise; we just have to transition everything to online now," he said.

The missionary department did not comment on how the training adjustments will affect non-teaching missionary training center employees.

Anderson said he feels that the missionaries and MTC employees are embracing the changes with a trust in God and a belief that everything will work out for the best.

"At the end of the day, the missionaries are just happy and blessed to be missionaries and they have come to learn firsthand that, although an assignment to labor is important, it is secondary to the call to labor in the Lord's vineyard," he said.

A notification will be sent when these precautionary measures are no longer needed, according to an email from the missionary department sent to stake presidents. "Missionaries scheduled to attend all other missionary training centers should plan to arrive as scheduled unless otherwise directed," the email reads.

A press release from the Church regarding more updates to missionary service was sent out March 16. Missionaries will continue to receive mission calls worldwide; however, temporary adjustments have been implemented for current missionary service.

These adjustments include encouraging missionaries to continue using technology for their studies and teaching and to keep in contact with their families frequently. Additionally, missionaries are encouraged to go outside for exercise and fresh air while still adhering to the guidelines of missionary conduct.

"Church leaders will continue to monitor conditions and make further adjustments as needed. As a Church, we express our love and appreciation for all missionaries as they strive to teach the gospel of Jesus Christ and share His love wherever they serve," the press release says.

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