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Rhodes Community,

We want to update you on the status of our campus. The water situation continues to be very challenging while we await Memphis Light Gas & Water (MLGW) fixing the current problems that Memphis infrastructure is experiencing. The “boil water” notice is still in effect, and the low-pressure water situation is not yet resolved. That means many toilets and fire suppression systems are still not functioning, among other challenges.

We currently have about 400 students residing in area hotels. Our Student Life staff and many other members of the Rhodes community have done an amazing job of getting them temporary accommodations, transporting, and feeding them. Thank you so much for helping us care for our students. A special thanks also goes to all of our facilities workers, dining staff, and our admissions team that have continued to soldier on despite the challenges.

As stated in a previous email, **Rhodes will be learning and working remotely tomorrow and Tuesday**. All non-essential employees should plan to work remotely on both days as they are able. We ask that you **NOT** come to campus either day due to the ongoing water situation and the hazards that creates. Please contact your supervisor if you have questions about your work expectations for Monday and Tuesday.

We know a return to campus will take some time as many students went home, and we will have to bring those residing in hotels back to campus. Additionally, each of our academic buildings and residence halls will need to be cleared, which includes flushing out all faucets, showers, and toilets, and many of these spaces will need to be sanitized before we can return.

We will give you at least two days’ notice before reopening campus. Therefore, we will update you again by 4 p.m. tomorrow with a decision about whether it is feasible for us to reopen on Wednesday. We hope to see some progress tomorrow with rising temperatures.

Thank you for your continued understanding, patience, and grace as we work through these issues.

President Jennifer Collins

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