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Rhodes Community,

Thankfully, the boil water advisory for Memphis was lifted this afternoon, and I am delighted to tell you that our facilities team has begun the process of getting our campus ready to reopen. Because the process of flushing and clearing every potable water system on campus takes two full days, all classes will continue to be held virtually through Friday as planned. In-person classes will resume on Monday, January 29. This timetable will also allow students who traveled home to return safely to campus.

We will begin moving students back to campus from area hotels at approximately noon on Friday so as not to conflict with the many classes that meet on Friday mornings. Students in the hotels will receive additional communications about their travel arrangements. Students currently staying with family or friends off campus or out of town may also return to campus on Friday, or on Saturday or Sunday if that is more convenient. The Refectory and the Lair will both open at 11 a.m. Friday to accommodate students coming back to campus and will maintain their regular schedules after that time.

The library will open at 5 p.m. Friday and close at 8 p.m., closing two hours later than normal. The BCLC will also be open from 5 p.m. – 8 p.m. Friday for student recreation and wellness activities. Both will resume regular schedules on Saturday.

Beginning at 5 p.m. on Friday, student organizations can resume on-campus activities, including meetings and small-scale events. Students should follow the normal event registration process. Large-scale events will resume early next week.

For those living off campus, here are some important tips for how to bring your systems back to normal now that the boil water advisory has lifted:

- Turn on the main water valve if it has been closed.
- Flush any faucet a minimum of two minutes to ensure clearing of the line serving the faucet.
- Begin with the faucet that is highest up in your home or building and then open the other faucets one at a time moving from the highest floor to the lowest.
- Discard any ice made during the boil water notice.
- Check water filters (in faucets, refrigerators and elsewhere) and replace if necessary.

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- Flush water pipes by running the water until it is clear.
- Do not wash clothes if the water is discolored. Wait until the water runs clear at the tap. Wash a load of dark clothes first.

Rhodes employees should plan to return to campus Friday and work their normal schedules.

We are so grateful to be returning to campus beginning this Friday. I want to thank all of our faculty, staff, and students for the tremendous work they have been doing over the last week as we have dealt with some very challenging circumstances.

Thank you for your patience, resilience, and flexibility. I can't wait to see you all in person!

President Jennifer Collins

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