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Student Affairs Statement Regarding Social Stigmas Related to COVID-19 August 2020

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Salisbury University cares about members of our campus community. We continue to monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and focus on students' safety, health, and wellness. We are equally committed to moving forward as a caring community. Unfortunately, social stigma, misinformation, and fear can impact our Sea Gull community negatively which is why it is important that we educate ourselves on this global health crisis and how we can continue to honor our campus values that are anchored in respect, compassion, and civility.

Caring for each other means:

- [Sharing facts about COVID-19](#) as published by the Center for Disease Control (CDC).
- Not assuming that every cough, sneeze, or snuffle means a person might be contagious or is an indicator of COVID-19.
- Not assuming that those who have or are travelling abroad or to states with confirmed cases are infected.
- Not assuming that everyone in our community has access to comprehensive health care.
- Checking on each other if we are not well or have chosen to self-quarantine.
- Speaking with each other privately to offer emotional, health, or other assistance needed or to share resources provided by [Human Resources](#), [Salisbury University Police Department \(SUPD\)](#), [Health Center](#), [Counseling Center](#), [Student Affairs Case Manager](#), and other campus offices.
- Reporting abuse of, mistreatment of, or bias towards any member of our community to appropriate campus authorities (e.g., [Human Resources](#), [SUPD](#), [Office of Institutional Equity and Inclusion](#), [Student Affairs](#)).

As we continue to plan for and monitor COVID-19, please know that **Student Affairs staff are thinking of you and your friends and families**, and we are committed to providing the support you need during this difficult time.

Resources related to social stigma

[Guide Preventing and Addressing Social Stigma](#)

[CDC's Stigma and Resilience](#)

[SAMHSA's Tips: Social Distancing, Quarantine, and Isolation During Infectious Disease Outbreak](#)

[SAMHSA's Mental Health and Coping During COVID-19](#)

[CDC's Frequently Asked Questions and Answers](#)

For more information:

Visit [Salisbury University COVID-19 website](#).