Columbia/Boone County Public Health and Human Services would like to update students on a new Health Order that went into effect on March 25th 2020.

The new Health Order is a Stay at Home Order that was issued to ensure the maximum number of people stay home to slow the spread of Covid-19 within Boone County. All individuals living within Boone County are ordered to stay home or at their place of residence, except to access essential services or to work at an essential job. For our students, this means they cannot leave their place of residence unless they are driving to their place of essential employment or accessing an essential service, for example going to the grocery store or medical provider. No gatherings of any size, even gatherings within a residence, including apartments, fraternity/sorority houses, or any other residential properties may occur. This means your household cannot have visitors.

Violation of or failure to comply with this Order is punishable by fine or jail time. We are investigating all complaints that we receive. If you observe somebody not following the Order and would like to report a complaint, email City@como.gov. We need everyone to comply in order for the Stay at Home Order to be effective in saving lives.

We encourage all students who do not need to return to Columbia to not return. Students who need to return to Columbia can under the Order:

1. Go to the grocery store, pharmacy, doctor’s office or other facilities for essential needs
2. Go to work for essential businesses
3. Order and pick up carry-out at restaurants
4. Take a walk or exercise outdoors while keeping 6 foot distance from others