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**Harris-Stowe State University to Close
William L. Clay Sr. Early Childhood Education Center Until April
"University to close Early Childhood Education Center to prevent spread of COVID-19"**

ST. LOUIS – To help prevent the spread of COVID-19, Harris-Stowe State University will close its William L. Clay Sr. Early Childhood Education Center (Clay Center) starting Friday, March 20. The closure is scheduled to end on April 3.

There are no known coronavirus cases at the University or the William L. Clay Sr. Early Childhood Education Center.

While the decision to close the Clay Center was extremely difficult, we believe that closing the Clay Center is a necessary step for ensuring the health and safety of our staff, students, and their families.

During the closure, Clay Center faculty and staff will work remotely and be accessible by email. Families will receive daily messages and updates from their classroom teachers with educational activities and information to share with students.

Harris-Stowe will continue to monitor the COVID-19 outbreak. Students, faculty, staff and families are encouraged to visit www.hssu.edu/c19 for University updates and resources.

About Harris-Stowe State University

Harris-Stowe State University (HSSU), located in midtown St. Louis offers the most affordable bachelor's degree in the state of Missouri. The University is a fully accredited four-year institution with 50 majors, minors and certificate programs in education, business and arts and sciences. Harris-Stowe's mission is to provide outstanding educational opportunities for individuals seeking a rich and engaging academic experience. HSSU's programs are designed to nurture intellectual curiosity and build authentic skills that prepare students for leadership roles in a global society.

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