

Statement Regarding the Dual Impacts of Racism and COVID-19

The Furman University Counseling Center stands with President Davis and our colleagues in expressing our grief, sorrow, and compassion to all those who have been and continue to be impacted by COVID-19 and the race-based violence occurring across our country.

We are committed to deep reflection about the structural and racial inequalities that are both apparent during this pandemic and exacerbated by it. This commitment informs our work with students in processing the traumatic losses they have experienced and continue to experience. We are a diverse group of multidisciplinary helping professionals, all with backgrounds in trauma care and cross-cultural awareness.

Experiencing or witnessing trauma often results in a range of feelings and emotions such as shock, fear, sadness, anger, helplessness and guilt. We encourage you to contact our office, at (864) 294-3031, if you (or another student you know) would like support with coping and healing. Please also visit our [Virtual Barbershop](#), where you'll find regularly updated information and inspiration from across the black diaspora.