COVID-19 Addendum

Montana State University made several changes to standard procedures during the spring of 2020. These changes were necessitated by the COVID-19 outbreak. Much of the information relevant to these changes are contained within the COVID-19 communications. You can view these messages on the COVID-19 Communications Archive. (https://www.montana.edu/health/coronavirus/archived-comms.html)

Of particular interest is the Pass/Fail grade option adopted on March 22nd. To view this announcement please see the message from the Provost. (https://www.montana.edu/health/coronavirus/archived-comms.html#email24)

Drop for Extraordinary Reasons
During the pandemic, Montana State University considers the following reasons, specific to COVID-19, that might influence a student’s post-deadline decision to drop a course:

- The student was diagnosed with COVID-19 and, due to the diagnosis, was severely ill and unable to engage academically.
- An immediate family member was diagnosed with COVID-19 and suffered an untimely death or whose illness placed an undue burden upon the student (ex: a primary caretaker for siblings).
- The student had to be a primary caregiver of someone diagnosed with COVID-19.
- The student had an economic hardship resulting from COVID-19 directly impacting the ability to meet academic requirements.
- The student had to become a first responder due to COVID-19.
- The student had increased hours of employment to address financial hardship related to COVID19.
- The student lost a babysitter/childcare due to COVID-19.
- The student was unable to complete online education/distance education due to COVID-19.
- The student had no WIFI access during COVID-19 due to facility closures.
- Other – must be specific and not general "stress due to COVID-19."