

Dear Vermont State Colleges System Community,

Each of our colleges and universities continue to monitor the rapidly evolving situation with the COVID-19/Coronavirus and keep their campus community as up to date as possible, given the circumstances. As with institutions across Vermont and throughout the country, the VSCS's first commitment is to the health and safety of our students, staff and faculty. Based on the most recent available information, in consultation with our presidents, we have determined that each institution in the VSCS will undertake the following steps. You will be receiving additional information shortly from your institution's President.

Course Instruction:

- **In-person instruction** at all VSC institutions will be transitioned to remote delivery after the end of the day tomorrow, Friday, March 13, 2020.
- **Online instruction** will continue as scheduled.
- You will hear from your institution president a specific timeline for transition of classes to remote delivery.
- Students and faculty should anticipate that remote instruction will continue at least through Friday, April 3, 2020.
- During this period, the VSCS and institutional leadership will be assessing the situation as it evolves; however, faculty should be prepared to teach remotely through the end of the semester.

For Residential Students:

- You are strongly encouraged to return home no later than the end of the day, Sunday, March 15, 2020.
- Those students who are unable to return home will be allowed to remain on campus, as determined appropriate by campus leadership.
- You will hear from your institution's president with further details.
- Residential students should anticipate remaining home until at least through Friday, April 3, 2020.

For Faculty and Staff:

- Please monitor your health and safety and contact your HR directors if you have concerns.

- At this time, all institutions will remain open next week and employees should plan to report to work unless informed otherwise.
- Faculty and staff will be working hard to develop trainings and other supports to aid in this rapid transition.

For Institutional Events:

- All institutionally sponsored international travel is immediately cancelled.
- All institutionally sponsored domestic travel is immediately postponed, unless specifically approved by your president or designee.
- All public events are suspended through at least April 6, 2020.
- Faculty, staff and students remaining on campus must employ social distancing practices ([link here](#)).

In closing, I recognize this is a difficult time for students and staff, but one in which we can all pull together with the common goal of protecting our communities' health and safety, and also ensuring that our students continue to receive the valuable education we provide through the successful completion of the semester.

Thank you for your attention and good will.

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