



**COLLEGE OF
MOUNT SAINT VINCENT**

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

To: Faculty, Administration, Staff and Students

From: Charles L. Flynn, President

Date: March 9, 2020

Subject: Update Regarding Coronavirus Disease: Rescheduling of Classes

This afternoon, the College learned of two additional students who have been or may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus, one of whom (a graduate student) has now tested positive. In accordance with public health guidelines, the student who may have been exposed is in self isolation at home and has been directed to meet with his/her regular medical provider.

As a result of these developments, and in accord with public health advisories, all College classes are canceled tomorrow, Tuesday, March 10. All students who can do so are directed to leave their residence halls and return home by 8 p.m. tomorrow. All commuter students are directed to stay at home.

All coursework that can be moved online will be moved online effective Thursday, March 12. The College will provide special support for faculty to be able to do so. The Provost will be sending information to faculty shortly. All students should stay abreast of announcements from their faculty members regarding courses (including essays and examinations) and from the College via email.

All clinical and practicum placements and internships are suspended effective Tuesday, March 10, as are all in-person student activities, including intercollegiate athletic practice and competition. Students should stay abreast of announcements regarding alternative arrangements via email.

As was outlined earlier today, all school-sponsored trips for spring break are cancelled. This includes athletic travel. The College discourages personal travel for spring break.

On-campus student employment is suspended effective Tuesday, March 10.

For those students who have filled out an application to remain on campus during spring break, the College will evaluate those applications on an individual basis and communicate with those students beginning tomorrow. All students who have not yet completed an application to remain on campus but believe they need campus housing accommodation during this time should complete asap a Special Housing Request for review by the office of Student Affairs.

All administrative offices remain open on the usual College schedule.

The Hudson Heights and Mags Kitchen hours for those remaining on campus will be posted shortly.

Sharp, the Fitness Center, and other non-essential facilities will be closed as of 8:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 11. The Library will be staffed and staff available for online and telephone assistance, but the Library building will be closed.

Shuttle service will continue on Tuesday but be suspended effective Wednesday. I ask that all students share this with their parents or guardian.