

March 12, 2020

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Yesterday, the Governor, announced that he was directing all SUNY and CUNY campuses **to immediately develop plans to transition courses wherever possible** to remote instruction including distance learning and online in response to COVID-19. We just want to reiterate that his directive to these institutions was to develop plans to move to remote instruction for course work where this type of learning is feasible as to decrease the density on campuses.

The directive was **NOT** to immediately, or even by March 19th, move **ALL** course work remote.

As a community it is very important, especially in times like these, that we try to eliminate the spread of misinformation. It is crucial that we are all knowledgeable about our current situation so we can prepare ourselves to continue to move forward with our educational operations, even if we are no longer physically on the campus.

We have been working extremely closely with the Nassau County Department of Health (NCDOH), the State Department of Health, County and State Officials and our partners at SUNY Administration. We are doing our best to communicate to you in real-time any and all information, directives, or guidelines that we receive from these entities. Please understand because we are working with so many official entities, and the COVID-19 situation is changing rapidly, we want to ensure we are disseminating accurate and factual information to you.

However, it is our promise to you to continue to update you daily with important information as it pertains to COVID-19.

As I mentioned above, we are working very closely with the Nassau County Department of Health, specifically around their guidelines and protocols with the virus. The NCDOH leads the investigation and manages the chain of contact for any individual who is positively associated with the virus.

As a reminder, today our Executive and Incident Command Teams (ICT & ECT) met with Union Leadership, Chair of the Academic Senate, and Chair of Chairs as we continue in partnership to construct our learning continuity plans and assure all voices at the College are expressed while we move forward.

We truly appreciate your resiliency and it is important that we stay united as a Community while we navigate through this rapidly evolving situation. Please continue to check your email regularly as well as the NCC website for updates.

Nassau Strong!

Regards,

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