

Remote Instruction Extended to End of Spring Semester

To Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Following extensive review, Stevenson has decided to extend remote instruction for the remainder of the semester. We do this as part of a national effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 infection in light of the dramatic increase in reported COVID-19 cases over the last ten days. Our approach reflects the guidance of public health and government officials, including Governor Hogan, as well as the practice of most universities.

To our students and your families, we know that COVID-19 has disrupted many aspects of your lives and that you have many questions. Our entire community is here to help you. Personalized support and mentoring are the core of a Stevenson education, and this commitment will continue in the coming weeks and months. **Our mission is to help you complete the semester successfully and prepare for your next steps, whether that is returning in the fall or graduating this spring.**

To our faculty and staff, your efforts to prepare for the transition to remote instruction and to meet the multi-faceted challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic have been extraordinary. Our entire community is grateful for your spirit of innovation and your dedication to our students' success.

Next week, we will begin remote instruction. We will also begin a series of remote co-curricular efforts to bring our community together in spirit and shared experience. There are also many urgent matters to which we must attend—from the processing of refund credits for room and board for the spring semester, to registration for the fall semester, and many more. Please be on the lookout for communications regarding each of these matters.

We understand that resident students may be particularly concerned with the process for retrieving belongings. Do not come to campus or enter the Residence Halls until you have been contacted and given a detailed schedule and instructions for doing so. It is important that this process is conducted in accordance with social distancing and other public health guidelines to ensure your health and safety and the health and safety of staff assisting you in the process.

For students and families, we have established a [Campus Resources for Students](#) web page where you can find helpful information, links, and contacts to assist you. In addition, we have set up an e-mail that is monitored regularly (COVID19questions@stevenson.edu) for any specific questions you have. **Our faculty, staff, and offices are available and ready to help you, and will be sharing specific guidance and information with you in the coming days.**

This historical moment is unprecedented and we face significant challenges. In such moments, our fundamental value of community sustains us. We will care for each other. We will support each other. We will adapt and thrive.

Thank you for everything you do to make Stevenson a special community.

Sincerely,

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