

March 10, 2020

Dear College of Law Community,

Please be sure to read the message below from Chancellor Syverud and Vice Chancellor Haynie. COVID-19 conditions continue to evolve rapidly, nationally and globally. Given the rapid spread of coronavirus across New York state, the fluidity of the situation, and the uncertainty and concern the virus is causing in our community, the following decisions are now in place. These decisions are to protect against the spread of the virus. **Thank you for reading this message in its entirety.**

Thursday, March 12 and Friday, March 13: All College of Law Classes Online; Dineen Hall Open

As you know, all College of Law classes scheduled for this Thursday and Friday will be held online. I ask that students and faculty who are affected by this temporary, but mandatory relocation attend their classes from a remote location, off-campus. It will not be possible for you to attend any class from any classroom in Dineen Hall on Thursday or Friday. You must participate from a remote location.

Faculty and students should email their feedback of this experience to LawPreparedness@law.syr.edu over Spring Break so that we can adjust and prepare for optimal results for the period through March 30.

March 14 – March 30, 2020: All SU and College of Law Classes Online; Dineen Hall Open; Café Neporent Closed

Effective March 16 through March 30, all College of Law classes will be held online. Although, campus will not be closed and Dineen Hall will be open for business operations, our goal is to limit group gatherings in an effort to safeguard the health and wellness of students, faculty and staff.

Our library will be open; Café Neporent will be closed. Based on the prohibition against large gatherings below, however, we must discourage students from gathering in any group within Dineen Hall. Please remember that many library materials may be [accessed online](#).

Events Greater than 50 People; External Groups: Cancelled, through March 30

Effective immediately through March 30, all events and gatherings of College of Law community members or at the College of Law that are expected to have more than 50 people in attendance are cancelled. Any plans to host an external speaker or external groups in Dineen Hall between March 14 and March 30 should be cancelled, postponed or converted to virtual meetings.

University-Sponsored Travel: Prohibited Until Further Notice

As you know from Vice Chancellor Haynie's message yesterday, **effective immediately, Syracuse University is prohibiting all University-sponsored international travel until further notice.** This prohibition extends to all faculty, staff and students. For the College of Law, this includes travel to and from competitions, tournaments, learning trips, and other events. If you are planning to travel wearing "Orange", going as a College of Law student, faculty, or representative, or for which any portion of your travel would be covered by SU or the College of Law, your travel plans must be cancelled.

Personal Travel Restrictions and Self-Monitoring

Out of an abundance of caution, anyone whose personal travels between now and through April will take them through an affected area, including any portion of Japan, China, South Korea, Iran and Italy, and any areas that may become restricted areas (here in the U.S. or abroad), and including any airport in any such areas, will not be able to return to Dineen Hall or campus for a period of 14 days to allow for self-monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms. Please check the [CDC guidance](#) frequently as additional quarantine requirements may apply to new geographic areas, domestically and globally. Under the circumstances, I encourage everyone in our community to reconsider all travel plans and exercise personal judgment in deciding whether and where to travel domestically or beyond, and in self-monitoring for COVID-19 symptoms. The ability to return to campus could be compromised based on evolving CDC guidance.

Student-Faculty Consultations: Office Hours

Students should be in touch with faculty members to confirm how best to reach them for office hours through March 30. I ask that faculty members be proactive in making sure our students know your office hours schedule this week and through March 30 and to publish arrangements by which meetings will occur remotely off-campus, whether via phone, Blackboard via Collaborate, Skype or Zoom. Email notification of office hours and meeting logistics is best. Again, consistent with the intent to limit contact in an effort to safeguard the health and wellness of our community, faculty-student consultations and visits must occur remotely.

College of Law Operational

The College of Law business operations continue through the suspension of residential teaching. Staff will be available either in person or else by phone or email at all times during business hours through March 30. Guidance for appropriate work-from-home and other policy accommodations for staff will be forthcoming.

Preparedness Ahead

The College of Law continues to monitor all developments and official guidance on COVID-19 and to prepare for the possibility that SU's residential campus operations could be suspended.

To this end, I encourage all of us to keep our devices and laptops handy, as well as any textbooks, files and other critical material to be able to continue coursework remotely, to ensure easy and uninterrupted access to them for continuity of the learning experience at the College of Law.

The CDC emphasizes the importance of staying home if you are sick. Please heed this guidance. To learn more about preventive health practices, please visit the [Barnes Center at The Arch website](#).

Please direct all questions concerning the COVID-19 to LawPreparedness@law.syr.edu. All questions and answers thereto will be posted on the Law Preparedness FAQ on [LawPreparedness](#). Please visit [LawPreparedness](#) and [Syracuse.edu/coronavirus](https://www.syracuse.edu/coronavirus) often for helpful resources and timely and relevant information on the COVID-19 and its impact on the College of Law and SU more broadly.

I know COVID-19 is causing much disruption in all of our lives, together and individually. Thank you for supporting each other through this crisis.

Best regards,

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