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Dear Students,

Many of you have been working hard to meet SU's COVID-19 testing protocols and New York State's quarantine requirements in order to participate in next week's Orientation program and the start of classes in person. Thank you for your diligence. As you know, the health and wellness of our entire College of Law community – you, our faculty and our staff – have been our guiding principle in planning for the start of the fall semester. Indeed, our promise to you and all of our students has been to apply and enforce with fidelity the public health guidance of State, county and University officials.

As of today, it is apparent that too few of our students have been successful in being tested, ordering tests, submitting test results, and documenting evidence of quarantine compliance if applicable to your particular circumstances. We are cognizant of the fact that technical glitches have made it difficult for some of you to comply. As a result, however, no matter the reasons, **it is now necessary to host our two-day Orientation program and classes next week online.**

The ***semester will start on time***, next week. Please do not come to Dineen Hall, however, as there will be no in-person Orientation Program or classes, and you will not have access to Dineen Hall. **Instructions for attending Orientation and Convocation online, Monday and Tuesday, will be sent this week. Those of you who had planned to attend classes in person next week should consult with your professors or visit your Blackboard pages for instructions on how to attend your classes online Wednesday through Friday.**

It is my hope that in-person instruction and Dineen Hall will be accessible as of August 24. If you are planning to be in Dineen Hall the week of August 24 and have not already done so, please [take the COVID-19 test](#), [submit your test results](#) and send your [self-affirmation of quarantine form](#) (if applicable) as soon as possible. Please email us at lawpreparedness@law.syr.edu if you are experiencing any technical difficulties. We will share your information with colleagues at SU to troubleshoot problems and help resolve them as soon as possible.

If you have complied with SU's COVID-19 testing protocols and New York State's quarantine requirements, and have submitted evidence thereof to SU, you may plan to come to campus on Monday, August 24; you do not need to be retested, but you are bound to observe the [Stay Safe Pledge](#).

Please continue to monitor your emails and our [Law Preparedness](#) for daily updates, as conditions could change. If we are able to meet State, county and SU protocols, we will be able to proceed with our combination of in-person and online learning. If, however, the data that is available does not convey readiness based upon test results and quarantine records, we will be

forced to continue online until further notice of compliance. The good news is that no matter what, we are ready!

If you have any questions, please reach out to [Director of Student Affairs Sarah Collins](#). Thank you for your care, diligence and continued patience and flexibility.

Best regards,

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