

May 29, 2020

Dear College of Law Community,

Following up on [Chancellor Syverud's message of May 20](#) concerning the reopening of the Syracuse University campus this fall, I write to share with you that the College of Law will adopt the following **accelerated fall semester schedule**:

- **Orange Edge** for Class of 2023 participants will take place from August 3 through August 14.
- **Orientation** for the LL.M Class of 2021 will occur from August 10-18.
- **Orientation** for the JDr Class of 2023 will occur on August 17 and 18.
- **All classes will begin August 19 and continue Monday through Friday (without interruption for Labor Day), through November 24.**
- Weekends are an important time for law students, in particular, to study, reflect on and absorb their course materials in preparation for the week ahead. Accordingly, the College of Law will **not hold weekend classes**.
- **Final exams** will be administered online from **December 3 through December 11**.

Please mark your calendars.

We continue to explore how best to deliver online instruction this fall to accommodate students and faculty not able to be on campus, while including meaningful residential opportunities based upon our programmatic needs, accreditation requirements, and academic standards.

Please be sure to read yesterday's message from [Vice Chancellor Haynie](#) to the campus community that makes clear that **any residential instruction must comply with the following**:

- Class and group meeting sizes will be limited to 30 students or no more than half the capacity of the classroom or meeting space
- Six-foot social distancing must be maintained at all times
- Masks will be required at all times for all faculty, staff and students
- The Neporent Café will be closed, as will our student locker area
- Use of elevators will be limited to persons with disabilities

Additional measures like mandatory screening at the beginning of the semester and random screenings throughout the semester, limitations on travel, and limited access to non-classroom areas of Dineen Hall will also apply.

I will provide additional details as decisions are made. In the meantime, stay well and enjoy summer.

Best regards,

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