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Dear Students,

By now, you have seen Chancellor Syverud's [message to the Syracuse Community](#). Although Syracuse University is planning for residential instruction this fall with an accelerated academic calendar, we do not know the details of this plan.

The College of Law and each of the other schools and colleges are working on multiple scenarios that reflect our programmatic needs, applicable accreditation requirements, and academic standards, taking into account our respective spaces and student populations. Our decisions will be informed by guidance from state and public health officials and will prioritize the safety and well-being of our College of Law community. I will keep you posted as details emerge from our various planning discussions in consultation with public health experts and University officials.

Many of you have asked whether and when you will be permitted to enter Dineen Hall to retrieve belongings or study in our quiet spaces this summer. As you know, the State of New York has begun its four-phase reopening process and educational institutions will be a part of the fourth phase of reopening, subject to the progress and conditions triggered by the previous three phases. Each phase will be subject to various important and complex benchmarks, criteria, operating requirements and guidelines.

Accordingly, Dineen Hall remains closed, except to essential personnel, and our Summer semester, which starts on May 26, will be fully online. Assistant Director of Events and Facilities **Sarah Valenti** will be in touch with all of you to share procedures for the retrieval of your personal belongings from your lockers in Dineen Hall this summer.

Rest assured that we will reopen Dineen Hall as soon as it is safe and permissible to do so, with appropriate precautionary measures in place to guard against the coronavirus, which remains a threat. In the meantime, I wish you a happy and safe Memorial Day and will look forward to keeping you posted on our fall plans. Enjoy your summer experiences and feel free to contact **Sarah Collins** if you have questions or concerns along the way.

Best regards,

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