

Oct. 26, 2020

Dear Students,

This message follows up on Vice Chancellor Haynie's [message of Sept. 29, 2020](#), and is intended for all students who attend classes in person or are in Dineen Hall from time to time this fall. With residential instruction concluding on Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2020, I write to help you plan ahead for your time away from campus.

Dineen Hall Closed

Dineen Hall will be **closed from noon on November 25 through January 18, 2021**. During that time, you will not have access to any portion of Dineen Hall, at all. As always, all of our law library services will be available remotely through the [Law Library website](#).

The building will not be open for exams, all of which will be administered remotely.

Please plan accordingly and, before you leave, remember to *empty your lockers*.

Pre-Departure Testing

As stated below, the University plans to test all students before we conclude the residential semester on November 24, as a measure to safeguard the families of our students—and the communities our students call home—by ensuring that COVID-positive students are not unknowingly leaving our campus and putting others at risk.

We will share the details of this measure as soon as they become available. Complying with all aspects of this measure will be mandatory as part of your Stay Safe Pledge.

Spring Semester Pre-Arrival Requirements

As was the case for the fall semester, the University will publish the requirements that must be met prior to returning to campus in January, based upon the conditions of the pandemic at that time.

Please be sure to **monitor your email messages** for the details of these requirements, which are likely to include pre- and post- arrival testing and state-mandated self-quarantines.

Unfortunately, COVID-19 continues as a fluid situation. Please be mindful: if you are leaving your Syracuse home for the intersession break from campus, take with you everything that you would need to continue your academic instruction in January without interruption in the unlikely event the start date of our residential spring semester is delayed.

In any event, with Dineen Hall being closed, *take all that is in your locker with you no later than noon on November 25*.

Thank you for your continued patience and flexibility. I wish you a strong fall semester finish and will look forward to wishing one and all a happy and safe holiday season.

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