

Dear Students,

First, let me wish you and yours a very Happy New Year. As we look forward to the start of the Spring 2021 semester, I also hope that you are enjoying a well-deserved break.

As you see from the Chancellor's [January 4 message](#), Syracuse University has announced a delay in the reopening of the University Campus and the start of the Spring 2021 semester for most of its programs. **However, College of Law classes will begin, as planned, on January 19, but will be held fully online. Until further notice, in-person classes will not be held in Dineen Hall and the building will be closed.**

JD residential and LL.M students should report to their virtual classrooms, online, as of January 19. JDi students should plan to attend their virtual residencies the week of January 11, and their classes online as of January 17. As always, links to your virtual classrooms are available on Blackboard. Please also feel free to be in touch with your professors if you need any clarification concerning access to your virtual classrooms.

Beginning classes as we had planned prioritizes the urgent need to keep all of you on track either to graduate and start your bar exam preparation, or pursue your summer 2021 externship and job plans. While we are disappointed with the delay in reopening campus and Dineen Hall, I trust that our online experiences and lessons learned in the Spring, Summer and Fall 2020 semesters will help to make our Spring semester a smooth and productive experience.

My hope is that we will reopen Dineen Hall and resume in-person classes as of February 8. As conditions continue to evolve, however, please monitor your email and visit [the University's coronavirus information site](#), and for College of Law-specific updates, our [Law Preparedness](#) page on the Path to Spring 2021. In anticipation of reopening Dineen Hall when that is possible, I remind you that if you are planning to enter Dineen Hall or be on campus for any reason this Spring, you should stay abreast of New York State's quarantine requirements to ensure your state of readiness upon our return to campus.

In the meantime, please enjoy your break and stay safe, and thank you for your continued patience.

See you very soon,

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