



March 10, 2020

Dear Xavier Community,

Since January, a University Task Force has been monitoring the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and has been providing communication to our community. It is important to reiterate that there are no known cases of COVID-19 at Xavier University's campus at this time.

Earlier today, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine made the recommendation to Ohio-based higher education institutions to transition to remote learning for the foreseeable future in an effort to combat the spread of the virus.

Beginning Monday, March 16, Xavier University will move to a remote learning format for all courses. We hope to resume in-person instruction on Tuesday, April 14, after the Easter holiday, but we will continue to evaluate the situation. Moving forward, I would ask all students to check their Xavier email daily. Faculty and administrators will reach out to you in the coming days with more details. Our goal is to protect the health and well-being of our students, faculty, staff, and the broader community while maintaining our commitment to student success and academic progress.

For both on-campus and off-campus residents, we strongly encourage all students to return to and remain at their permanent address. This is to best comply with health recommendations and the request of the Governor's office. Knowing many of our students are away on spring break, an additional residence life email will be sent tomorrow.

Xavier University remains open and our other operations continue as classroom learning shifts to remote options. Staff and those faculty with operational responsibilities are expected to report to campus. For the short term, work-at-home options will be utilized on a case by case basis, at the approval of each employee's division leader. We will assess whether it is appropriate to hold University events in an ongoing manner.

We will continue to provide regular updates via email, and we will add information at www.xavier.edu/coronavirus. Questions can also be submitted through the website. As you all know, this is an evolving situation and everyone at Xavier will do our best to respond as quickly as possible.

Guided by our Jesuit values, Xavier cares for each and every student. Our mission is to educate each student intellectually, morally, and spiritually, and we are committed to supporting our Xavier community through this important time. We will get through this together – All For One.

Prayers to you and those you love,
Michael Graham, S.J.
President