Xavier University continues to actively monitor the worldwide spread of the respiratory illness novel coronavirus (COVID-19), which today the World Health Organization formally designated a “pandemic.” This is an unprecedented situation that continues to evolve. Xavier is committed to sharing as much information as possible for the benefit of our students, faculty, staff, and community.

To be clear, Xavier classes will continue in a remote learning format. The work of the University will move forward and each faculty member will contact students in their courses and will be present on campus along with staff to continue the work of Xavier.

Xavier will continue to follow CDC guidelines, health recommendations from the Ohio governor’s office, and what is in the best interest of our community. Please continue to check your Xavier email daily.

We want to provide further details in this email and encourage you to visit our COVID-19 website at www.xavier.edu/coronavirus with additional frequently asked questions.

Classes and Instruction
- Beginning Monday, March 16, the 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.
- Students will hear from their faculty members by this coming Monday, March 16. Students who do not hear from their faculty member by this Monday are asked to contact their respective deans’ office.
- Registration for summer and fall courses will continue as planned. Students should contact their academic advisor for assistance.
- Students who participate in experiential learning programs such as internships, clinicals, and student teaching should work directly with their placement coordinators, chairs or directors, and the college deans’ offices for guidance.

Campus Services
- 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 Ohio governor’s office.
- Students living in campus housing will be receiving a detailed email about coming to campus to retrieve items along with other details.
- Students who are not able to return to their permanent address and intend to reside in the residence halls must register with Residence Life by Monday, March 16, at noon. Details about the registration process will be sent in a separate email.
- We recognize that room and board may not be fully utilized and are exploring ways to respond to that concern.
- Dining and most campus services will be open, but hours and operations will be limited.
• To further support the CDC's guidance on social distancing, the student recreation center will not be open, and the Gallagher Student Center will have limited hours and operations.

Campus Events
• All campus events are being evaluated on a case-by-case basis by division leaders following CDC guidelines on social distancing.

Travel
• All future University-sponsored international travel is suspended through April 14. All personal international travel is also strongly discouraged during this time.
• University-sponsored domestic travel will be limited to business-essential travel and will be approved by division leaders on an as-needed basis.
• Travelers returning from CDC Level 3 warning countries are required to observe a 14-day period of self-quarantine and monitoring and are not permitted to come to work, attend class, or participate in any other campus or community activities.

Student Employment
• Xavier will continue to support campus employment opportunities for students. Departments will review position requirements and student circumstances and provide updates to student employees.

Human Resources
• With the exception of teaching remotely, all other University functions, including non-teaching responsibilities (committee work, faculty meetings, academic advising), will continue and therefore all employees are expected to continue to report to campus.
• Employees responsible for University operations are encouraged to utilize strategies to conduct their work while practicing recommended social distancing practices.

Health and Wellness
• Continue to protect yourself from all infectious diseases by using these precautions.
  o Wash hands often with soap and water.
  o Avoid touching your face.
  o Cover your mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
  o Stay home if you’re feeling sick.
  o Call Xavier Health Services before visiting to schedule an appointment: 513-745-3022, option 3.
• Health and Counseling Services at the HUB remains open. Please call in advance if you are experiencing any symptoms.

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