

MESSAGE FROM THE PROVOST



Dear Students,

Tuesday, President Diacon communicated that Kent State will cease face-to-face classes and conduct classes remotely beginning March 16. Kent State is taking these preventative and proactive actions to lessen the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19) as directed by Governor DeWine.

The purpose of this message is to reiterate some of what you've already read by now, but also to provide you with quick access to resources that might be helpful.

**Please be advised, action steps are subject to change. Please continue to check email and all other Kent State University communications frequently.*

The Schedule

As you read in previous messages, we have suspended all face-to-face instruction on all the Kent State campuses*. This suspension will be in effect beginning March 16th.

Below is the schedule at a glance:

- March 10 at 4:25pm-March 15: Face-to-face classes will not meet; 100% online classes continue
- March 16-20: Face-to-face classes will begin using remote instruction; 100% online classes continue
- March 23-29: Spring break will occur as scheduled – no assignments should be due during this time
- March 30: Face-to-face classes will continue being delivered using remote instruction; 100% online classes continue

*KSU's College of Podiatric Medicine will communicate with faculty and students about their schedules, but no face-to-face instruction will be used during the same time frame as listed above.

Getting Ready

Right now, your faculty are working hard to ensure that our academic mission continues. Faculty have been asked to move all face-to-face classes to remote instruction. Remote instruction could include Blackboard, email, Collaborate Ultra (in Blackboard), or telephone, for example. The suspension of face-to-face classes from March 11-15 is providing faculty with the time to prepare for this modified teaching format as well as clearly instruct students on how they should access

classes come Monday, March 16. If you have not heard from your instructors yet, send them an email.

Under these very unusual circumstances, your instructors are working hard to ensure that your education has as few interruptions as possible. If you have questions about learning remotely, please refer to <http://www.kent.edu/keeponlearning> for helpful tools and resources.

Continuing the Academic Mission

In addition to continuing academic coursework through remote delivery, we are also ensuring supports are in place for you to be successful under these unusual circumstances.

Academic Advising

In line with the University's response to COVID-19 to suspend face-to-face contact, there will be **no in-person advising appointments effective March 10 through April 12th**. However, you will be able to be advised remotely through your college or campus advising office. [Click here to schedule an appointment with an advisor.](#)

Internships, Practicum, Field Work, Student Teaching

Students who are currently completing an internship, practicum, field work, student teaching for credit, or are participating in a cooperative education course can continue under the direction of, and in communication with their supervisor and the organization's current guidelines for work and attendance, as agreed upon by your employment/learning agreement and academic course credit. For any concerns or assistance please contact the instructor of record for your course (listed in FlashLine) or reach out to Career Exploration and Development at career@kent.edu.

Tutoring Services

The Academic Success Center (ASC) is working to shift supplemental instruction, drop-in, and scheduled tutoring to an online format in order to continue to support students in their coursework. Please refer to the [ASC website](#) beginning on Monday, March 16th for more information. Contact the ASC at asc@kent.edu or 330-672-3190 with questions. For regional campus tutoring services, please contact your campus for information regarding available resources.

Safety and Operations

During this modified schedule, overall operations of the university will continue, and the University Library will be accessible. All campuses will remain open, but will be practicing social distancing and not allow groups of individuals to be in close contact. Check with your local campus to see what services are available and their hours of operation.

While Kent State is not able to stop anyone taking personal trips over spring break, we strongly encourage you to consider plans carefully and heed CDC travel notices. It is recommended that anyone who has traveled to a highly affected area and develops a fever (temperature greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit)

or symptoms of a respiratory illness seeks medical advice by calling your [local health department](#).

We are taking these steps to ensure the health and safety of our campus community. We will continue to monitor the outbreak and will align our recommendations with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the World Health Organization and other city, state, and federal agencies.

Course Withdrawal Deadline

In the context of changing to remote delivery for face-to-face classes, the Course Withdrawal deadline (grade of "W" assigned) has been changed from March 22nd to April 13th.

Quick Links and Numbers

For information related to remote instruction, including information on accessing your courses, communicating with your professors and instruction time, visit: <http://www.kent.edu/keeponlearning>

For support with academic accommodations, please contact Student Accessibility Services at 330-672-3391.

For updates on COVID-19, including the latest communications and general FAQ's, visit: <https://www.kent.edu/coronavirus>

For updates on COVID-19 from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), visit <https://www.cdc.gov/>

For any questions about health-related issues, please contact your local Health Department. Kent Campus residential students may contact the Kent City Health Department at 330-678-8109

For any other questions, please call Kent State University's One Stop for Student Services at 330-672-6000 or the student services department at the campus you attend.

As always, Flashes Take Care of Flashes,



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