March 12, 2020

Dear Faculty Colleagues,

Thanks for all you're doing in these unusual times! I appreciate the support and care you are providing your students.

If your classes were originally scheduled as face-to-face delivery, please reach out to your students (e.g., email) today to check in with them. They need to know that you are thinking about them and are working on how to deliver instruction remotely. You might be at the point in your planning that you can be specific about what they should do beginning Monday, or you might just say that you're still working on your plan and they should keep checking email for instructions. This communication with your students is critical to ease their concerns. Thank you so much for doing this immediately!

To help facilitate the transition to teaching remotely, the Office of Continuing and Distance Education, the Center for Teaching and Learning, and the Division of Information Technology are offering a series of webinars and remote workshops today and tomorrow. Additional webinars will continue to be uploaded. All resources to help you continue to teach can be found at: http://www.kent.edu/keeponteaching.

KeepOnTeaching: Essentials

Kent State University provides access to tools and resources to help conduct classroom experiences at a distance, such as real-time lectures and classroom discussions, recorded presentations, shared materials, and class assignments. These 1 hour webinars provides an overview of these tools, and ideas for getting started with your class organization, communication strategies, and instructional practices.

- Thursday, March 12 at 2:00pm: Click Here To Join KeepOnTeaching: Essentials 3.12.2020 2pm
KeepOnTeaching: Science Labs
The vast majority of science labs at Kent State University are delivered as face-to-face instruction. This webinar will provide guidance for science lab instructors on modifying or replacing face-to-face lab activities with remote instruction options such as demonstrations, data interpretation activities, and other approaches.

How to Work from Home - Faculty Edition
This workshop is designed to support the teaching remotely material found at https://www.kent.edu/keeponteaching. This workshop will focus on digital tools like Blackboard, Kaltura and Collaborate Ultra - join us online in this Microsoft Teams meeting...

How to Work from Home - Staff Edition
This workshop is designed to support working remotely. This workshop will focus on digital tools like MS Teams and Jabber. If you have questions regarding using these tools to work from home, join us online in this Microsoft Teams Meeting...

Buildings are Open
Although all of our academic buildings are open, many are closing early because there will be no or few staff in the building after 5:00pm. If you want to access your building after 5:00, make sure your key card is coded for admission.
Thank you again for all you're doing! I will continue to provide regular updates and information so please keep checking your email for information from me.

My best,

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