

Office of Student Affairs  
Office of Student Health Services  
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Dear Students,

Due to the continued rise in cases of COVID-19 among our undergraduates, we have made the decision to **move all undergraduate classes online** through Wednesday, March 31. Effective at 2 p.m. today, Thursday March 25, undergraduate students should **shelter in place** in their dorms or, for commuter students, in their homes off-campus.

We will test all undergraduate students tomorrow (Friday) and again on Tuesday and we will provide further information on Wednesday about next steps. Commuting students and Sokokis residents will be tested in the Alford Forum, students residing in the hotel will be tested on site at the hotel, and the remainder of residential students will be tested in their respective residence halls. A follow up email will be sent this afternoon to include a schedule and instructions for this testing.

For any student who has already been diagnosed with Covid 19 or identified as a close contact and has opted to leave campus to quarantine at home, we ask that you remain at home until we have officially resumed on-campus classes.

The recent outbreak has been limited to undergraduate students. Because we have not experienced an increase in positive cases among graduate students, the Portland Campus will remain open for graduate classes and other activities. Students in the College of Osteopathic Medicine and College of Dental Medicine will continue to have access to Biddeford Campus classrooms and labs, but should restrict their time on that campus to those activities only, and should not be on campus after 6:00 p.m.

**Additional information for undergraduates:**

- Commuter students should not return to campus until further notice.
- The Commons, Forum Café, and Windward Café will be open for takeout only. Residential students should not leave campus to purchase food elsewhere and are not permitted to have deliveries made to campus. Residential students should only leave their dorm rooms to pick up food, and should return to their rooms immediately.
- Students residing in the hotel will have food delivered to them.
- ID card access will be needed to access buildings on campus.
- The library and other common study spaces will be closed.
- All athletics and undergraduate research will pause during this time.

Nor'easters, we ask that you be as vigilant as ever in wearing your masks and social distancing as we work to stop the spread of the virus in its tracks. Please continue to monitor your email for further updates.

Sincerely,

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