

Office of the Provost
Office of Student Health Services
March 25, 2021



Dear Faculty and Professional Staff,

Due to the continued rise in cases of COVID-19 among our undergraduates, we have made the decision to **move undergraduate classes online** beginning at 2:00 p.m. today, Thursday, March 25, through next Wednesday, March 30. Undergraduate students are being asked to shelter in place in their dorms or, for commuter students, in their homes off-campus. The attached message was sent to students this morning.

We will test all undergraduate students tomorrow (Friday) and again on Tuesday, and will provide further information on Wednesday about next steps.

As noted in the attached message, this outbreak has been limited to undergraduate students. Because we have not experienced an increase in positive cases among graduate students or our faculty or professional staff on either campus, the Portland Campus will remain open for graduate classes, other activities, and faculty and professional staff will continue to have access to their offices and labs on both campuses.

With these measures in place, we are confident we can stop the spread of the virus among our students and look forward to resuming on-campus learning as soon as possible. We will continue to keep you posted with any new developments. In the meantime, you can direct questions to your supervisor, or to the Onward email.

Sincerely,

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