

Office of the Provost  
Office of Student Health Services  
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Dear Faculty and Professional Staff,

We are pleased to report that the results of yesterday's COVID-19 testing were promising, and we are cautiously optimistic that we have contained the virus among our undergraduate population. We have made **tentative plans to resume in-person classes on Thursday, April 1**. Attached you will find a message that went out to students today with details about next steps.

Our plans to lift the shelter-in-place order and to resume in-person classes will be contingent upon the results of additional testing we will do in the coming days. Undergraduate students who were tested on Friday will be re-tested on Monday, March 29. Students who elected to return home will go through the two-step testing process on Wednesday, March 31.

By relying on these testing protocols, which have proven to be effective in identifying and isolating cases of COVID-19 among our students over the past year, we are confident we will have the information necessary to determine if it is safe to resume in-person classes on Thursday. Please continue to monitor email for further updates.

Sincerely,

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