

November 16, 2020

Dear Colleagues:

Between now and the Thanksgiving Break, there's a great deal to do before we cease in-person instruction and move to all remote delivery through to the end of the semester. To see the criteria for exiting in-person delivery, please visit <https://www.purchase.edu/covid-19-updates-and-plans/>. You can also find information for the spring semester at this same location.

We continue to find ways to support faculty, staff, and students as we end the fall semester and move to the winter break. I know more workshops and activities to strengthen our engagement with students are under development as we prepare for the spring semester.

Just a few reminders as we approach the winter break:

- We will continue our pooled testing throughout the winter break and participation will be required for anyone on campus (e.g. students remaining in apartments, staff, etc.).
- All winter session courses are available online or remotely.
- We are asking everyone to exercise caution throughout the break in response to higher rates of COVID-19 transmission predicted for the winter months.
- Please be aware that Governor Cuomo has new travel restrictions in place for anyone traveling outside of NYS. Please see: <https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/governor-cuomo-announces-new-guidelines-allowing-out-state-travelers-test-out-mandatory-14-day>.

These are just a few of the key points of information to keep in mind.

I also want to remind everyone of important spring calendar dates.

- January 29 - Move-in for students will begin
- February 1 - All courses will start remotely
- February 8 - While we are trying to begin face-to-face courses on February 8th, we may need to delay their start depending on where we are with on campus COVID cases.

As we've learned, adjusting to the pandemic is an ongoing endeavor and it does not always allow us to finalize plans as far in advance as we might like.

One last reminder: everyone's cooperation and commitment has made the difference in keeping transmission low and manageable. Thank you! While we hope the spring will bring good news regarding vaccines, we will need to remain sharply focused on assuring the safety and well being of the campus community.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving. Please rest. Please find time to be away from your computers and devices. We all know how much harder the hard work has been this semester.