



Stony Brook

School of Social Welfare

Dear Students,

By now you have received an email from the University letting you know that the Governor announced that all non essential staff work remotely as of Sunday evening, March 22nd. For the most part, our faculty and much of our staff have already started to work remotely, and now the few of us who have been in the office will also work that way.

I want to assure you that the School has taken every precaution to make certain that our systems are uninterrupted even as we go remote. Current online classes will continue, and all other classes will be held virtually via Zoom as of Monday, March 30. Dr. Melissa Earle, our Director of Online Instruction, has made sure that our technology works and you all have access to it. Associate Dean Richard Morgan will soon send you a survey that informs us of any difficulties you may face with computer or WIFI access. Syllabi are already being uploaded onto Blackboard. There are likely to be a few bumps our first week back, but we believe we have done everything possible to minimize the problems.

Dean Acconi, Ms. Christine Corrada, Dean Horwitz, Mr. Warren Graham and the Department of Field Education staff are all available for advising and field work questions via email. They all have the ability to “zoom” with you if necessary. I know you must be concerned about the grading and other issues. The faculty will meet on Tuesday and we will have answers for you early next week.

Please know that we will be supportive in every possible way, and as the situation evolves we will continue to communicate. Many thanks for your patience and courage during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

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Dean and Assistant Vice President of Social Determinants of Health