



Clarion University Coronavirus Response

Update March 31, 2020

As of March 16, all of Clarion University's students became distance learners, using a variety of platforms such as D2L, Zoom, videos and email. Our campus community rose to the occasion to deliver on our promise to provide transformative learning opportunities to our students in our nationally recognized programs. It is inspiring to witness the many ways you have pulled together in these trying times.

Switching very quickly to remote-only instruction is one of the ways Clarion University is complying with the governor's recent requests for everyone to stay at home and practice social distancing.

The State System's chancellor has directed all PASSHE universities to continue to follow the governor's strategies to maintain social distancing, by enforcing the following:

- Offering remote-only instruction for all scheduled 2020 summer sessions.
- University presidents will cancel, postpone or move to a remote delivery modality all face-to-face events (both academic and non-academic) that have been or would have been scheduled during the summer 2020 months. (Presidents will closely monitor the situation and, upon consultation with the chancellor, may grant exceptions for face-to-face on-campus programs where such programs can be managed in a way that ensures the health and safety of participants and the broader community.)
- No in-person experiential learning may occur, including, but not limited to, clinical rotations, student teaching, internships, field experiences, and other types of academically-related placements. Classroom faculty and experiential learning supervisors shall continue to provide remote learning opportunities for students to achieve appropriate learning outcomes. Presidents may grant exceptions to students in extraordinary circumstances, for example where they are satisfied that safety considerations are met by their experiential learning opportunities, e.g. with respect of virtual internships, internships sited in locations determined to be "safe" from the risk of infection, etc.

Steps are already in place to follow these requests, and our leadership team meets daily to assess our unique needs and situation. We continue to work with the necessary individuals and entities to reduce the impacts to degree progression for students who have experiential learning requirements.

Finally, I cannot thank the faculty and staff enough for the way everyone has worked together to transition students to remote learning and to ensure students are receiving the same quality educational experience no matter where they are. There remains a small number of students who are approved to live on campus, and I want to also thank the Student Affairs team and Chartwells for their work in keeping these students safe and engaged. Your commitment is second to none.

To the students, your resilience is no surprise to me. Keep going. If you need help, ask. Our faculty and staff are aware of the challenges you currently face, and we want nothing but your success.

We are all in this together. Stay calm, stay connected and stay healthy.

Wings most definitely up,

Dr. Dale