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Dear Campus Community,

In an effort to protect student and employee health – and with guidance from the Iowa Board of Regents – all on-campus courses will switch over to exclusive online instruction beginning Monday, March 23 through at least Friday, April 3.

We are requesting faculty work closely with students in order to continue coursework in an uninterrupted manner during this time. Faculty can teach from their offices or other off-campus locations.

For information on teaching and learning remotely (for both faculty as well as students), please see our COVID-19 website - specifically the “Remote Access” tab. Faculty members should communicate with their students as soon as they determine next steps in arranging the delivery of their instruction and course materials.

At this time, internships, student teaching, and other off-campus learning experiences are not impacted. (Other schools and organizations may impose their own restrictions, so please follow their updates.)

Although all classes will be moved online during this time, other student support offices - such as the Registrar, Financial Aid, the Dean of Students, etc. - will remain open. Facilities including Rod Library and the Wellness Recreation Center will also remain open both during and after Spring Break. The Student Health Clinic and the Counseling Center, although closed the week of Spring Break, will be open again beginning March 23.

Residence halls will remain open, and dining options will continue to be available. Additional information, including updates on dining center hours, will be shared with students living in the residence halls through email as well as the Department of Residence website.

If changes are made to upcoming university-sponsored events on campus, those details will be communicated as soon as possible.

Because campus will remain open and operational during this time period, all merit, supervisory and P&S staff should continue to report to campus unless they are not feeling well. If an employee is ill, they should contact their supervisor and take precautions. Employees should also review UNI's Telework Policy.

Student employees will still be able to work their on-campus jobs during this time period. If a student decides to not work, their job will still be available when on-campus classes
resume. Student employees should communicate with their supervisors if they have questions.

All updates will continue to be shared by email, posted at prepare.uni.edu, and highlighted on the uni.edu homepage.

Travel Update

The Board of Regents is extending the 30-day international travel ban by seven days each Monday, effective March 9, until conditions improve. The travel ban applies to university-sponsored international travel for students, faculty, and staff.

If upcoming restrictions on university-sponsored domestic travel are put into place, those decisions will be communicated as soon as possible. If you have university-sponsored domestic travel planned in the coming weeks and choose not to go, the university will reimburse your airfare.

Thank you for your patience and care for one another.