

Sent March 11, 2020, from Provost Robbin Hoopes

Dear Cincinnati State Student:

Cincinnati State is carefully monitoring the coronavirus situation and is taking steps to ensure your safety. We are also making sure that you can continue achieving your academic goals for this semester with minimal disruption.

The immediate risk to the College community remains low. Our plan of action responds to Governor DeWine's request that all Ohio public colleges and universities work together to help minimize the spread of the coronavirus.

Status of Classes:

- Cincinnati State will move all in-person lecture/discussion classes to an alternative format starting Saturday, March 14, and continuing until Sunday, March 29. This includes the Clifton, Middletown, and Harrison Campuses. The Workforce Development Center will continue regular operations, subject to partner protocols.
- You will receive an email message from each of your course instructors no later than Wednesday March 18, explaining the processes used to modify and continue course activities.
- Some in-person lab activities will continue, with appropriate attention to guidelines for social distancing. Details will be provided in the email message from your instructor.
- Students involved in experiential education (such as co-op, clinical, and practicum) will continue those activities, subject to partner protocols.

Campus Operations:

- Campuses will remain open during this period. Understanding that this situation can create challenges for students, business and student support services will continue as usual, including food service, the Mallory Early Learning Center, disability services, and access to on-campus computer labs, among others.
- The Fitness Center will remain closed until further notice.
- Student activities and events scheduled from March 14 - 29 will be postponed.
- Student and employee travel abroad is suspended, including the annual Study Abroad/Service Learning trip to Guatemala.
- Student and employee travel outside Ohio for college related activities and professional development is paused until March 30.
- Cincinnati State will continue to maintain our high level of cleanliness and disease prevention activities.

Ongoing Communication:

- During this rapidly-evolving situation, the College will provide additional information as needed on the College website (www.cincinnati-state.edu/COVID19)
- If you have questions, please send them to COVID-19@cincinnati-state.edu

We will continue to carefully monitor the situation. We have established a special response team to evaluate and address COVID-19 concerns as they evolve. Meanwhile, the best way to stop the transmission of the coronavirus is through everyday practices such as staying home when sick, appropriately covering coughs and sneezes, cleaning frequently touched surfaces, and washing hands often.