

Subject **Coronavirus (COVID-19): Rensselaer Suspends All In-Person Instruction**

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Re: Coronavirus (COVID-19): Rensselaer Suspends All In-Person Instruction

In an effort to protect the health and safety of our community from the novel coronavirus disease COVID-19, beginning Monday, March 16 through at least March 30, the university is suspending all in-person instruction, and is moving to online and other alternative learning options.

Following directives from the Office of the Provost, students will hear from their respective faculty regarding specific course guidance. We will continually review the coronavirus situation, and may extend the alternative learning approaches if necessary.

The campus will remain open with limited and/or reduced services. To enhance social distancing, students are strongly urged not to return to campus during this time period. Students who must remain on campus will also receive instruction remotely. Where possible, graduate students will work remotely. Students with questions concerning housing and/or dining services should contact the Office of Student Living and Learning at (518) 276-6284 or by [email](#).

Effective immediately, and until further notice, we are suspending all university-sponsored events, including events sponsored by student organizations. At this time, [NCAA competitions](#) will be allowed according to previously promulgated guidance.

We have suspended all university-related international travel to any country. Effectively immediately, university-related domestic travel is also suspended.

Planning for Commencement on May 23, 2020 continues. However, we will continuously evaluate the overall situation. We will make as timely a decision as possible, and promptly inform our community of any changes.

For information and updates related to the actions Rensselaer is taking to address this public health situation, please visit the [COVID-19 Outbreak Communications website](#).

Now, more than ever, we will pull together and do what Rensselaer does best - collaborate, find solutions, and move forward. I know we are up to the task, and that we will emerge from this stronger than ever as a community. Thank you in advance for your support.