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Rush University students, faculty and staff,

In response to COVID-19, Rush University has transitioned all onsite activities to remote platforms starting today – but the learning never stops.

Our online curriculum is designed to mirror face-to-face class curriculum to ensure continuation of course delivery and uncompromised quality of education. Clinical rotations will continue as scheduled per the direction of program directors and department chairs.

We highly encourage you to visit our COVID-19 webpage to access important information and check your email for updates from University_News@rush.edu.

Important Information:

Beginning today, the university has restricted access to the Armour Academic Center (AAC) and other campus facilities to align with Rush’s social-distancing measures.

All on-campus meeting and study spaces are closed. However, all university offices are available remotely:

- The Rush University Medical Center Library
- Anatomy laboratories
- The METC computer lab. Technology check-out and help desk support are available at 312-563-2527 or email 3clas@rush.edu.
- The Academic Testing Center located in the Triangle Office Building
- The Rush Center for Clinical Skills and Simulation
- The Center for Academic Excellence
- Center for Teaching Excellence and Innovation
- Student Accessibility Services
- Wellness resources are available through the Rush Wellness Assistance Program. The Counseling Center is available via telephone for existing clients.

Events and Activities

- All university events are cancelled or postponed until further notice.
- Rush University’s 48th Commencement Ceremony at the Credit Union 1 Arena is cancelled. We are exploring virtual ways to celebrate our graduates and their accomplishments. Stay tuned for further information.
**University Staff**

Rush University is recommending that all non-essential staff work from home. Staffing decisions will be communicated by managers in each area. Download Rush’s [guide](#) for information on how to effectively set up and operate a remote work station.

**During this time, please know that your wellbeing is of utmost importance.**

There are things you can do to help yourself and your community to keep this virus contained.

The best thing to practice during this time is social distancing – staying home as much as possible, avoiding group gatherings and venues, and avoiding travel. Please be aware of travel restrictions imposed by state and/or national government agencies.

Other things that will help you remain safe:

- Wash your hands frequently and try to avoid touching your face.
- If you start to experience flu-like symptoms—stay home.
- Take advantage of video visit screenings using the [MyRush app](#).

We encourage you to reach out to your program director, chair, manager or dean with any questions or concerns. At Rush University we continue to be committed to your safety, wellbeing and academic success.