



March 17, 2020

Dear CCM Students,

As the COVID-19 outbreak continues to move across the nation, CCM's administration, faculty, and staff are working hard to prepare for the remainder of the semester. If there is one message we need you to adhere to, it is to monitor your CCM email and the college's [COVID-19 Information Center](#) on the college website. This is how we will share all official college communication on this outbreak. On that note, by Thursday, March 19, 2020, we will be sharing our plan to complete this semester. Again, watch your CCM email and the college's website. You will also continue to receive information for the remainder of the semester, as you have been over the past couple of weeks, from Dr. Bette Simmons, Vice President of Student Development and Enrollment Management.

Because COVID-19 is a fast moving and evolving situation, our plans going through the remainder of the semester are subject to change with limited notice. However, what you can expect to see in this plan is that all classes will resume no later than March 30, 2020, Late 7-week classes will start by that date as well. At the discretion of your professor, online classes that have already begun may continue next week. Your professors will share specific information on the start/continuation date for your classes via email no later than March 23. Please keep in mind that classes will be held online only. The campus is closed until further notice. We expect that this may continue through the remainder of the spring 2020 semester. Since professors will share specific details for each of their classes, you must monitor your CCM email.

Additionally, student support services will also be suspended on the campus for at least a month and possibly for the remainder of the term. These services, however, will exist in an online format utilizing various technology platforms such as Skype, Zoom, Shindig and other web conferencing sources, traditional email, and other communication tools. Rest assured, while our college will function differently, it will function.

We will champion a myriad of challenges and continue to offer a high-quality education but it will be necessary to work closely with your professors and support staff. On March 19, 2020, CCM will also share information about a comprehensive resource center called TASC+. TASC is an acronym for The Academic Support Center, which served more than 500 students last fall. It is being reconfigured to offer more services and to serve more students. Details will be shared via email and on the CCM website.

I understand that COVID – 19 is causing significant anxiety and uncertainty in many people's lives. Services such as TASC+ are designed to reduce your anxiety and to make a challenging situation a little easier. At CCM, we will continue to focus on two major priorities: the health and well-being of our students and employees, and maintaining an educational environment that is centered on your learning and supporting your academic and career goals.

Once again, please monitor your CCM email and the college's website. Work closely with your professors and CCM support staff, utilize TASC+, and take care of yourself in the essential ways the CDC recommends. Above all, know that we will get through this together with patience, persistence, and a continued commitment to you and your educational and career goals. Together, we are stronger.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Iacono, Ph.D.



President