

Good afternoon, all, and happy Friday the 13th!

A handful of updates for a Friday, and responses to a few questions we have received from folks.

1. There are lots of emails! My view of the world is that more information is better than less, and I strive for transparency. In addition, professors will be reaching out to students via email regarding their classes. In these rapidly changing times, it is imperative that everybody have the latest information. Even if checking email is not a normal habit, these are not normal times. **Please timely and carefully read all school-related emails!**
2. **The building remains open to students.** The advice we have received from the authorities and experts is that the risk of spread is in the classroom setting – where social distancing is not feasible. Thus, students are permitted to use the library, meet with professors, etc., subject to the following limitations:
 - a. Individuals who are sick or who are at risk of having been exposed to the coronavirus should not come to campus.
 - b. Everyone should practice social distancing on campus.

Access to campus is, of course, subject to change based on recommendations from the authorities.

3. Thank you to all those who have filled out the **travel registration form** at www.stcl.edu/travel. In response to questions we have received, a few notes:
 - a. If you registered travel, but have decided not to proceed with your trip, please let us know by emailing health@stcl.edu.
 - b. Please do register travel within Texas. This will help us evaluate risk for our collective population.
4. **Classes are scheduled to resume remotely on Monday, March 23.** Over the next week, please watch for email updates regarding using Zoom, best practices for online classes, updates on attendance in the online world, etc.
5. Some students have asked about the timing and nature of final exams, the Honors and Awards Ceremony, and Graduation. While we have canceled events on campus through the end of the month, **decisions regarding end-of semester events and activities will be made over the next few weeks**, as more information becomes available. Right now, any decision would be premature.
6. **Please see Dean Singleton's email, sent earlier this afternoon regarding additional resources available to members of our community.**
7. **Please send any questions to health@stcl.edu so that we can respond.**

In case you have been keeping count, at least 178 of the 203 law schools have moved to online courses.

Our law school and the city of Houston have had to work through serious emergencies (such as hurricanes and flooding) in the past. This is a resilient community, and we will survive this, as well. Please know that I, the faculty, and the administration will strive to make the best decisions possible, always with the best interests of each member of our community at heart – and to keep you apprised in real time.

Thank you for your patience and your flexibility, and be safe!

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