Dear Students:

Over the past month, the JRCoE has been monitoring the COVID-19 situation closely in coordination with the campus administration. Given the president’s announcement earlier this morning that OU classes will be delivered at a distance for two weeks following spring break, I would like to share with you that the College of Education has your best interest and health at the forefront.

JRCoE faculty and staff have been working on training, resources, and other possibilities for how courses and meetings will be covered during the weeks following spring break. Moving from live face-to-face courses to a digital environment for all classes can seem daunting, but we are working together with JRCoE IT staff and will partner with you to ensure the best safe and productive learning environment possible. We feel confident that although things might not always run perfectly, that collaboration will be critical as we navigate a rapidly unfolding situation.

You may keep abreast of developments at coronavirus.ou.edu. Over the break, keep the basic precautions in mind regarding hand washing and other measures to protect your own health and that of those around you. Please also take along any texts or other materials you need to complete your coursework and participate in classes as normal from a distance.

Expectations for Students

- You will be expected to adhere to attendance and participation policies as set forth by your instructor in this new learning environment.
- Please stay in regular contact with your instructor and notify them immediately should any issues arise with your ability to conduct online learning.
- More information and helpful tips on distance learning can be found at http://ou.edu/learnanywhere

Internships and Field Placements

- All Norman campus student teaching internships, Level 3 practicums, and other teacher education related field placements will be postponed as long as university classes are being held on-line. You are not allowed to work in your school placement during the two weeks following spring break. We will keep you updated as things progress.
- Graduate student internships may continue as planned but please reach out to your department or program area faculty for clarification.

Graduate Student Committee Meetings

- If you are a graduate student with master’s or doctoral committee meetings scheduled during the weeks following spring break, please do not reschedule. Work with your chair to hold the meeting as planned via Zoom. It will not be possible for the you and members of your committee to be physically present in the same room, but the Graduate College is allowing for the meetings to take place as scheduled with all members of the committee in attendance via distance.
Upcoming Events and Meetings

- The Student Council for Exceptional Children annual prom event, scheduled for April 3, has been canceled.
- Any student organized meetings should not be held in-person during the two weeks following spring break. Use your Zoom account to conduct meetings if they cannot be rescheduled to a later date.
- All other April events are still scheduled as planned and will be reevaluated as more information becomes available.

We recognize that this will be challenging, and that you’ve probably many questions and concerns. Please contact us at EducationInformation@ou.edu if you have technology, housing, food insecurity, or other needs during this time period. We are here to support you and ensure that your education and preparation as future educators and education leaders is not interrupted. We will do our best to keep you informed as soon as we are aware of any developments.