

Dear Students,

The health of our students, faculty and staff is our highest priority. In response to the escalating coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation, Long Island University is suspending face-to-face instruction at all locations, effective Monday, March 16, 2020. While there are no known cases of COVID-19 at any University campuses or locations, this decision has been made with the goal of keeping our campus community healthy.

On March 16, 2020, following spring break, all University courses will move to online instruction through Friday, March 27, 2020. The University will continue to assess the situation and provide ongoing updates on whether it will be necessary to continue online instruction after March 27, 2020. Students should be prepared for the possibility that the balance of the spring 2020 term will be delivered online. The University will continue to evaluate the prospects of face-to-face instruction for this term in consultation with local health authorities and federal and state guidelines.

Please note the following guidelines relating to University students:

- All University offices will remain open for business operations until further notice.
- Classes will be taught through the University's learning management system.
- Centralized helpdesk support will be available daily for students by emailing IT@LIU.edu or by calling 516-299-3300/718-488-3300. An extensive online support library <http://IT.LIU.EDU> is also available.
- Residential students may remain in the residence hall, but have the option to continue their studies remotely from home.
- Students that are participating at practicum sites, student teaching, or clinical rotations should continue until further guidance is given by their Dean's office.
- While some events may be cancelled, please refer to the University events calendar.
- As the situation evolves, we will be communicating as far in advance as possible regarding commencement and other significant events.
- Upcoming non-essential University-related domestic and international travel is suspended through the end of the semester.
- University-related travel after the end of the semester is subject to cancellation.
- Students who are currently in study abroad programs in areas not classified by the CDC as Level 3 may remain abroad to complete their programs. We will reassess this policy as the situation evolves.
- LIU community members will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days before returning to campus if they have been to areas designated as [Level 3 Travel Advisory by the CDC](https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices). (<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices>).

PREVENTIVE GUIDANCE

The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to this virus. However, as a reminder, the CDC recommends daily actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases, including:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

RESOURCES

Below are additional resources to find updated information about the symptoms and current recommendations for the coronavirus disease (COVID-19).

- [CDC: Coronavirus](#)
- [World Health Organization: Coronavirus](#)
- [New York State Health Department](#)
- [Local NYS County Health Departments](#)

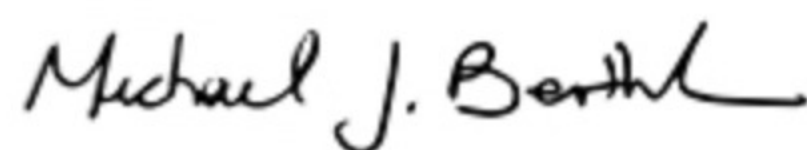
Students should contact the offices below if they become ill while on campus.

Post Campus	Brooklyn Campus
Public Safety 516-299-2222	Public Safety 718-488-1078
Center for Healthy Living 516-299-3468	Office of Student Affairs 718-488-1007

We realize that this disruption to the semester is very stressful for everyone involved, however please know that we are making these decisions with your health and safety in mind. Our goal is to return the campus to normalcy as soon as possible. We appreciate your patience, understanding and support.

Please visit the University's coronavirus website (<https://liu.edu/coronavirus>) and continue to check your email for updates on this evolving situation, as well as measures recommended for the health and safety of our community. If you have not already done so, take this opportunity to sign up for [LIU Emergency Alerts](#).

Sincerely,



Michael Berthel
Executive Dean of Students