Dear Members of the LIU Community,

I am writing to inform you that LIU Post is pausing in-person classes. We will move to remote instruction for two weeks starting tomorrow morning, October 15th. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution and with the safety of our entire community in mind.

Last weekend, a small number of positive cases were reported as a result of off-campus social gatherings that violated LIU’s Code of Conduct. Additional cases were reported over the past few days by students who were in contact with students at the gatherings. Most of these cases were contact traced back to these isolated events. Some students, who have not tested positive, have been asked to quarantine.

While our numbers are well below the mandated thresholds for remote learning, we have chosen to act now. This gives us the best opportunity to reverse the trend and welcome you back in two weeks.

There are no reported cases from faculty or other University employees at this time. Combined with the observation that the increase in cases is coming mainly from off-campus exposures, we continue to be confident that our procedures create a positive safety profile for on-campus instruction.

The University’s decision to pause in-person classes is a proactive measure intended to prevent the spread of the virus. Students and faculty will continue with high-quality online instruction at their regularly scheduled class times. At the request of the Dean of the College of Veterinary Medicine, the veterinary graduate program will continue to meet in-person, as their classrooms and labs are in separate facilities.

LIU’s other campuses - Brooklyn, Riverhead, Brentwood and Westchester - will continue in-person instruction. These campuses have zero reported COVID-19 cases in the current reporting period.

We are proud of our collective efforts that allowed our campus community to successfully reopen for the Fall semester, and it is vital that we all recommit to following the proper safety requirements going forward.

This decision was made to protect the LIU Post community. As before, the University will continue its testing protocols and wellness checks to ensure a safe return to in-person learning. Please take responsibility for your actions, look out for each other, show concern for the well-being of your family and your peers, and do everything that is necessary to stay safe. We urge the entire LIU community to abide by the school’s health guidelines and all state-mandated restrictions: wear a face covering at all times when in public spaces on campus; practice physical distancing, do not gather in large groups; wash your hands regularly; stay home when you’re sick and seek immediate medical attention if you are experiencing viral symptoms.

Sincerely,

Kimberly R. Cline
President