

Coronavirus

It has been an interesting week, hasn't it? Every day brings new developments as the university keeps abreast of local, state, national and international policy changes and the most recent advice from health care professionals.

Here's what I know. Classes will be taught using remote methods beginning Monday and continuing at least until the end of the month. We should prepare for a longer period of remote teaching, as at this point no one knows how long it may take until the coronavirus is under control. Events are cancelled until further notice. University-sponsored air travel is curtailed. We should practice keeping a social distance (or as I prefer to call it, an anti-social distance) of at least 6 feet from other people. We should stay at home if we feel sick, wash our hands frequently, cover our nose and mouth when we cough or sneeze, and learn to bow or elbow-bump instead of shaking hands.

Here's what I think. COLA is well equipped to respond to any crisis. We are creative thinkers. We are flexible and compassionate teachers. We are accustomed to working in teams. We care about each other. We are problem solvers *par excellence*. We can deal with uncertainty.

The health and safety of our faculty, staff and students is our primary concern. We need to err on the side of caution and model common sense behavior by following university policy. I will share information with you as soon as I get it.

Cancelled COLA events:

CELIA Events:

-Rising: Women in American Culture since Suffrage - varies events through May 2020

-Rising Nationalisms, Fading Minorities: Reflections on the Promises of Secularism for India and the World - scheduled for March 26-27, 2020

ArtsGala - scheduled March 28, 2020

Music events - all scheduled performances/concerts until further notice

At least First week of Mama Mia

COLA faculty meeting - scheduled for March 26, 2020



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