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Office of the President

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Daemen College
Students, Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

As you may have heard by now, Governor Cuomo has moved Erie County to the "Orange Designation" for COVID-19 restrictions due to the spike in cases in our area, which he has deemed the worst in the state. We anticipated this happening, which is why we transitioned to remote instruction this past Monday the 16th. Thankfully, Daemen has been proactive and is prepared for this shift in restrictions. As decisions are being made at the NYS level, and to ensure that we are doing our part to flatten the curve we are seeing here, we need to take additional measures so that we can continue operating for students.

In response to the move to the orange zone, we are instituting the following changes:

1. Any planned on-campus meetings or events, both indoor and outdoor, will be capped at a maximum of 10 people. The Division of Student Affairs is already working to adjust plans for Fall/Winter Fest, and we ask all divisions on campus to evaluate their meetings/events in the same manner. All events larger than 10 people need to go remote.
2. The AWC Fitness center will close Friday at 8 p.m.
3. The main dining hall will be takeout only starting tonight, and the Wildcat Den will remain open for seating through Friday and then transition to takeout only.

All other services and operations will remain unchanged at this time. However, please know that we have to comply with state directives, so this is a fluid situation. Today, the Division of Student Affairs has been working to secure revised dates from residential students as to when they are leaving campus. While we will continue to accommodate students on campus who need it, we are going to work with students to ensure that anyone who does not absolutely need to live on campus right now can head home while there is no disruption to transportation and/or other services. As services become fewer, we want to make sure that we are doing everything we can to provide advance notice to students and take care of our community as best as possible.

Please continue to be safe and be well. Remember: Respect to Protect! We will get through this semester and be ready for the start for the spring term.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson
President