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Office of the President

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Students, Faculty and Staff
Daemen College

Dear Daemen Community Members:

It has been an eventful spring break to say the least. By now I am sure you have learned that many colleges and universities throughout the United States have moved entirely to an online delivery of classes for either a short period of time, or, in some cases, until the end of the semester. This includes many in New York State, including SUNY, CUNY, and others.

Daemen College continues to follow the guidelines by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in its protocols and is continuing to develop contingency plans for teaching, if necessary, while actively monitoring the health and well-being of our campus community. We are also requesting students, faculty, and staff who have traveled outside the area for the break, recently traveled, or have been in contact with someone who has traveled to an area seeing an outbreak from the coronavirus to [complete this self-disclosure form](#).

I have consulted with senior administration, faculty senate leadership, and our Emergency Response Team, and, while the decisions taken by other institutions and organizations have been done so out of an abundance of caution, we feel that is not the right course of action for Daemen at this time. There are no known cases of COVID-19 in our Daemen community. Precautions have already been taken for self-quarantining of community members, if needed, and a more thorough disinfecting of areas around campus facilities and dining will continue to be done. The best solution still remains vigilance in personal hygiene and self-isolation when sick, not making drastic changes to our operation. To be clear, at this time, Daemen College plans to open for in-person instruction on Monday, March 16, as scheduled.

We recognize that this is a fluid situation changing minute by minute and will continue to monitor the situation. We will change course if we need to do so, but we are making these decisions independent from what other institutions are doing. It does not seem practical at this time for members of the Daemen community to remain in locations that are considered higher risk than Western New York.

We will continue to maintain the COVID-19 website at Daemen with the most up-to-date information.

Cordially,

Gary A. Olson
President