Coronavirus Update #3 - Extending Spring Break and Remote Instruction

To ACPHS Community,

As the coronavirus outbreak continues, here are the latest decisions we've made to protect the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff. While there are no cases of coronavirus at ACPHS at this time, we are implementing community mitigation measures designed to slow the spread of pandemic viruses. As a prominent health sciences college, it is important we model how to respond to this widespread disease outbreak.

**Extending Spring Break One Week**

We are extending spring break to include the week of 3/16-3/20. All exams and campus events scheduled during this week are cancelled. This additional week will enable us to transition to remote instruction for many of our classes, and develop alternative learning options, assessment tools and relevant grading policies as needed.

**Suspending In-Person Classes**

Beginning 3/23 and continuing until at least 4/3, we are suspending in-person classes, and moving to online and other alternative learning options. Students will receive a separate email from their faculty regarding specific course guidance, lab courses and Introductory Pharmacy Practice Experiences (IPPEs). At this time, domestic Advanced Practice Pharmacy Experiences (APPEs) will continue. We are closely monitoring the coronavirus outbreak, and may extend the alternative learning and assessment approaches if necessary. In the meantime, the campus bookstore is offering free shipping, with no minimum purchase, to ensure students can get textbooks or any academic supplies they may need.

**Limiting Campus Events**

Effective immediately, and until further notice, we are limiting in-person campus events to fewer than 100 people. The Division of Student Affairs will be sending a separate email with more information regarding upcoming events.

**Restricting Travel**

We are suspending all college-supported international travel to any country until further notice. Therefore, any students scheduled for international APPEs will be contacted to make alternative arrangements. Regarding domestic travel, we urge you to use your judgment and monitor the increasing case counts by state.
Continuing with Commencement

We are continuing with commencement on May 9th. However, we may need to develop alternative arrangements that include separating graduates into smaller groups by department at multiple times and/or locations on May 9th. We will promptly notify you if these alternative arrangements are necessary.

Keeping Campus Open

The campus will remain open with limited and/or reduced services, but students are strongly encouraged not to return to campus. If students have no other place to stay, they must complete this online form. Additionally, if students need to retrieve belongings on campus, they must complete this additional online form to make arrangements to return briefly to campus to retrieve items. Every student who completes either online form will be contacted by Residence Life with more information. If you have questions regarding housing, please contact the Director of Residence Life at Alison.Buckley@acphs.edu. We will be sending additional information regarding reduced campus services.

Faculty, staff and research graduate students will continue to be on campus.

Updating ACPHS Coronavirus Web Page

We have created an ACPHS coronavirus web page with resources and information, including our Coronavirus Updates. We will continue to update this web page, but urge you to refer to the CDC's coronavirus web page for the latest information including travel guidance. You may also email questions to coronavirus-questions@acphs.edu.

I know these changes will be an adjustment and understand there will be questions around many issues. Please be assured that answers and additional information will be forthcoming. During times like these, we need to pull together with the common goal of continuing to educate our students in the safest environment possible. We are a resilient community, and I am confident we can adapt and continue to thrive. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and patience as we navigate this rapidly evolving public health crisis.

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