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UPDATED Monday, March 16th

I am writing to update you on Cardozo's efforts to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. As with out previous decisions, our goal is to maintain the core functions of the law school, while taking sensible precautions to help stem the spread of the virus.

Public health experts have made clear that community spread of the coronavirus is likely to continue. They have urged individuals and institutions to minimize large gatherings that will facilitate spread of the virus. Therefore, we are taking the following steps to protect our community and reduce the risk of transmission.

Beginning Monday, March 16th and continuing through the beginning of spring break April 9th, all classes will be held online. We will be holding class meetings through Zoom, which will be accessed in Canvas. You will access Zoom through the Canvas site for each course, each of which has a separate Zoom link. Please sign up for a free Zoom account at as soon as possible to ensure you are ready for Monday.

- Classes on Thursday, March 12th and Friday, March 13th are canceled to enable the administration, faculty, and students to prepare for the move to online classes.
- Classes canceled on March 12th and 13th will be made up on April 30th and May 1st.
- March 10th and 11th in-person classes will be held but will be taped and uploaded.
- The attendance policy will be in effect; you must be present, watch recordings or log into online classes to be counted as being in class.
- All on-campus events through the end of spring break, April 17th, will be canceled, postponed, or moved to an online format.
- The school building, the library, and administrative offices will be closed until further notice. Administrators are working from home. Limited access is being given for students to access materials from their lockers.
- Students engaged in fieldwork and externships should continue to work if possible and follow their employers' policies.

Thank you in advance for working with us to make the transition a success. As always, I appreciate your flexibility, grit, and dedication to your studies.