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# COVID-19 Update: Important Announcement from Dean Leslie

UPDATED Monday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

I am writing to update you on Cardozo's efforts to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak. As with our 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 16<sup>th</sup> and continuing through the beginning of spring break April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 as soon as possible to ensure you are ready for Monday.

- Classes on Thursday, March 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup> are canceled to enable the administration, faculty, and students to prepare for the move to online classes.
- Classes canceled on March 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> will be made up on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- March 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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.