

March 10, 2020

Dear SLC community,

As you may have seen today, New York Governor Andrew Cuomo announced new actions regarding the concentration of COVID-19 cases in New Rochelle, New York. Our utmost priority remains the health and safety of our community. While our situation on the Bronxville campus has not changed with regard to confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19, in consultation with the COVID-19 response team and out of an abundance of caution, **I have made the decision to cancel classes on Thursday, March 12, and Friday, March 13, in advance of Spring Break.** We are committed to preserving the education of our students, so **when classes resume as scheduled after break on March 23, we will teach classes via online/remote platforms for two weeks, through April 3.** Please note, this pertains to the Bronxville campus only; students studying abroad should continue to consult with their program directors.

The College will continue to assess this unfolding situation, and no later than March 30 will determine if we need to extend remote learning for the Bronxville campus beyond April 3.

On Thursday and Friday of this week, in lieu of classes, faculty and staff will work to integrate coursework and related operations to SLC's online/remote learning platforms in preparation for remote offerings after break.

It is important to note that this week's cancellation of classes is *not* a closure of the College. As such, the campus will remain open and operational as long as we receive no directives otherwise from health officials. We are a residential campus and recognize that students may choose not to leave campus at this time for a variety of reasons, and **any student who wishes to remain on-campus may do so.** We will be asking students to indicate their intentions for break, so we have adequate resources in place. Food service on campus will continue throughout break. If a student can safely travel home, and desires to do so, they are welcome to do that; students may remain away from the Bronxville campus if they choose until the resumption of in-person classes. **Please consult SLC's [travel policies](#) and check our [COVID-19 website](#) to stay up to date between email communications, even during spring break.**

I realize there are a number of related questions pertaining to students, faculty, staff, and families not addressed in this communication; however, I wanted to get you this important update in as timely a manner as possible. **Please continue to regularly monitor the [COVID-19 information site](#) for details as they become available.**

If you have a question related to COVID-19 not answered on the [COVID-19 website](#), please [submit it through the site](#).

I'd like to thank everyone who participated in this afternoon's webinar, as well as everyone on the COVID-19 response team for their excellent work and guidance. I also want to thank our Sarah Lawrence community for understanding that in an unfolding situation we won't always have every answer immediately, but I assure you that we are actively planning and will continue to communicate with you moving forward.

Yours,

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President