

SCS TODAY: March 19, 2020

[A late-day, daily update from the SCS Dean's Office]

NEWS OF THE DAY

- Another busy day. I am pleased and can assure you we've been working a step or two ahead of some of today's announcements; my thanks to everyone who has been working quickly and proactively, directly and behind-the-scenes, with me and many others in SCS to anticipate impacts to students, staff and faculty in advance of official announcements.
- We learned from CMU President Jahanian today that all research is transitioning to remote operation. Watch for more information regarding this via additional email(s).
- The SCS Help Desk will transition to **phone-and-email-only** support tomorrow (Friday); stay tuned here: <https://computing.cs.cmu.edu/news/2020/scsc-response-covid19>; SCS instructors who need microphones or cameras for remote teaching should send email to help@cs.cmu.edu.
- University Libraries will close at 6 p.m. tomorrow (Friday), until further notice.
- On-campus dining has transitioned to take-out only.
- In-person meetings are now limited to 10 people; larger meetings must be conducted remotely.

BE MINDFUL OF YOUR HEALTH

- Stay in touch and check in with each other. Advisors and instructors, check in with your students. Supervisors, check in with your direct reports. The changes in our daily lives have happened quickly and there's much to adjust to, so be sure to do what you need to do to assure your wellness and the wellness of your students, staff and colleagues. Engage in conversations about how you're feeling, causes of your stress, challenges you're experiencing including sadness and feeling pressured or lonely. We're all in this together!
- Remember that counseling is available for students via Counseling and Psychological Services (CaPS), <https://www.cmu.edu/counseling/> and for faculty and staff, <https://www.cmu.edu/policies/human-resources/employee-assistance-program.html>
- Be sure to check out CMU's Group X-exercise On Demand site: <https://carnegiemellon.prestosports.com/fitness/ondemandhome>

OF NOTE

- Black Friday reviews will occur as planned; disruptions in research will be central to every step of the Black Friday review process, and we are working with program directors to formalize this. I'll share more soon.
- Department academic liaisons will continue working on and debugging online teaching via Zoom; next they will begin to focus on conducting exams and assessments.
- Exterior doors on all main campus buildings have been converted to "weekend and holiday" access status, requiring a card-key/badge for access; doors are now locked during weekday hours.

TO KNOW

- Online Misinformation About COVID-19 Can Take Many Forms, <https://www.cs.cmu.edu/news/online-misinformation-about-covid-19-can-take-many-forms>
- Some excellent resources if you're currently working with kids in your home (thanks to Trish Spencer in the Robotics Institute for compiling): <https://scsdean.cs.cmu.edu/alerts/kids.html>

REMEMBER YOUR RESOURCES

For students: <https://www.cmu.edu/alert/coronavirus/resources/student-resources.html>

For staff: <https://www.cmu.edu/alert/coronavirus/resources/staff-resources.html>

For faculty: <https://www.cmu.edu/alert/coronavirus/resources/faculty-resources.html>

For researchers: <https://www.cmu.edu/alert/coronavirus/resources/researcher-resources.html>

SCS Alerts: <https://scsdean.cs.cmu.edu/alerts>

CMU Coronavirus [Updates and Information](#) and [FAQ](#)
CMU [Health Services](#) (412-268-2157)

Remote Education for Instructors: [SCS FAQ](#) and [Eberly Center FAQ](#)
SCS Faculty Hiring: [Updates and Guidelines](#)

Until tomorrow,
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