

******NMC STUDENT UPDATE March 17, 2020—RE: Coronavirus (COVID-19)******

Good afternoon NMC students—

NMC's face-to-face instruction will officially move online tomorrow **Wednesday, March 18, 2020**, and will continue to be online at least through the end of the semester. Below is specific clinical and lab information by program.

- **Undergraduate Nursing:** Senior level students will continue in clinical. All other undergraduate nursing student clinicals and labs are cancelled for the remainder of the semester. Please contact your Program Director or faculty member if you need additional clarification.
- **Surgical Technology:** Labs will remain on campus and as scheduled. Clinicals are cancelled for the remainder of the semester.
- **Radiologic Technology:** Labs are cancelled. Clinicals continue as scheduled. Please see your clinical coordinator for individual placement.
- **PTA:** Labs will remain on campus and as scheduled. Clinicals continue as scheduled.
- **Sonography Programs:** Labs will remain on campus as scheduled. Clinicals continue as scheduled.
- **Respiratory Therapy:** Labs will move to online. Clinicals will continue as scheduled.
- **Masters of Occupational Therapy:** Labs will move online. Level I Fieldwork is cancelled for the remainder of the semester. Level II Fieldwork will continue as scheduled.
- **MSN/DNP:** Clinicals as scheduled until further notice.
- **Medical Assistant, Phlebotomy, Nursing Assistant, Pharmacy Tech:** Labs will remain on campus as scheduled in groups of 10 or fewer.

Mandatory Travel Screen: Students who have traveled out of the United States, by cruise ships, by any air travel, or travel by any means to Washington State, New York City, California or Florida since March 1 must report their travel and be cleared by Campus Health before returning to class or clinical. Call Campus Health @ 402-354-7211 or submit the online [Travel Screening Form](#) and a Campus Health representative will call you for a screening.

Graduation: Based on CDC guidance, NMC has decided to cancel its in-person hooding and commencement ceremonies scheduled for May 1, 2020. We are exploring alternate opportunities to celebrate our students' academic achievements. More details to come.

BLS/ALS/PALS: As of March 13, 2020, American Heart Association has extended the validity of provider and instructor cards for a period of sixty days beyond expiration. The Joint Commission and MHS are honoring this extension. All NMC's on-site BLS/ALS/PALS courses are cancelled through April 1, 2020.

Mobile Diabetes Center: MDC events are cancelled through March 31, 2020.

Federal Work Study: Federal Work Study students will receive an e-mail gaging their interest in continuing to work. Once we have a count on students, NMC will be assigning jobs and allocating hours. Please understand that there is the potential that work-study students will be working in a new position.

Campus Facilities: NMC is working with our cleaning company to make our cleaning and sanitizing efforts more efficient. As a result, **3rd floor Clark Building classrooms** are closed effective immediately. The **library** has transitioned to a virtual space, with staff supporting you remotely.

The **Student Engagement Center, 2nd floor Clark classrooms and computer lab** as well as the **1st floor Clark lobby/dining area and Campus Chapel** will remain open for student use. The **NMC Fitness Room** on the lower level of the 515 Building is closed until further notice.

As NMC drastically reduces the number of employees on campus to help mitigate the spread of the virus, thank you for your understanding and flexibility in learning remotely. Even though our face-to-face

interactions must be limited at this time, NMC remains committed to educating and supporting you. Please continue to communicate and connect with faculty, staff and each other, practice good hand hygiene and other preventative measures, and reach out to us as soon as you need help.

Take care and be well NMC,

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