



Office of the President

COVID-19 Update
March 13, 2020

We continue to monitor COVID-19 (coronavirus) developments. The Campus Task Force meets daily, and is working closely with District agencies to coordinate our response. On the recommendation of the Task Force, we are taking the following actions:

1. Spring Break is extended through March 17, 2020.
2. Students should not return to campus until April 6, 2020.
3. UDC will shift to online classes and alternate teaching methods through April 6, 2020.

Exceptions include:

- + Aviation Maintenance classes at Reagan International Airport, which will continue as usual.
- + Nursing student clinicals at Howard University Hospital, which will be conducted as normal.
- + Faculty-led clinics, which will remain open to provide services to clients.

4. Land-grant classes are suspended until April 6, 2020.
5. All Workforce Development and Continuing Education classes are suspended until April 6, 2020.
6. All University student-travel prior to April 6, 2020, is cancelled, unless approved by the Chief Student Development and Success Officer.
7. The Learning Resources Division (LRD) will remain open 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Library Services will remain operational to accommodate students and faculty who may need Wi-Fi connectivity or a computer station to access the internet to complete coursework. The Student Center will have Wi-Fi access available from 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.
8. The Law Library will remain open during regular hours to accommodate law students.
9. Labs will operate on a limited schedule to accommodate ongoing faculty and graduate student research, and senior projects.

The University will remain open and keep all support services in place during this period, ensuring that critical functions will continue. Faculty should work remotely if possible. Staff reporting requirements will be updated later today.

- Additional information on Academic Continuity (classes) can be found at [myUDC](#).
- Additional Information on Student Support Continuity (advising and registration) can be found at [myUDC](#).

Please continue to be vigilant about observing basic health protocols in order to protect yourselves, and help prevent the spread of the coronavirus in our community:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.

If you think you have come in contact with the virus, stay home and contact your healthcare provider immediately. UDC Health Services is available to conduct phone screenings, and to answer your questions during normal hours of operation, Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at 202.274.6036.

To date, there have been no cases impacting our students, faculty, or staff. [myUDC](#) is the best place to track updates and access UDC resources related to the virus. If you are concerned about shaking hands in the American tradition of greeting, the Wakanda greeting, arms folded across the chest, is a good alternative.

We are prepared for any scenario, and will provide updates as needed. Meantime, please call the Executive Services Office at 202.274.6016 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Ronald Mason, Jr.