

Dean's Office, College of Nursing and Health Sciences

TO: CNHS Faculty and Staff

FR: Scott L. Thomas, Dean and Professor

RE: CNHS Update - STAY HOME/STAY SAFE

As per the [Governor's Executive Order](#), and guidance from President Garimella, as of 5 p.m. today we suspended all in-person activities at the College of Nursing and Health Sciences, and are expecting all employees to respect the STAY HOME/STAY SAFE order. The College buildings will be locked and all work must be conducted from home until at least April 15, 2020. [Guidance on telework](#) was provided yesterday by Wanda Heading-Grant, Vice President for the Division of Human Resources, Diversity and Multicultural Affairs.

Exceptions to these policies on telework are individuals who are deemed essential to physical operations of the college. We are in the process of identifying a very small handful of people who will be considered essential to on-campus work and authorized to access our facilities during the STAY HOME/STAY SAFE order. Essential on-campus personnel will be known to campus security and central administration to ensure access to the College's facilities.

There is to be no use of UVM facilities while the STAY HOME/STAY SAFE order is in effect.

The College continues to operate well, albeit remotely. Our students will continue to take classes remotely, all fieldwork and clinicals have been suspended, and accommodations are being made for remote research for our graduate students.

I recognize that, even with our preparation over the last few weeks, this is a major disruption for everyone's lives and leaves many questions unanswered. Further and frequent information will be provided by the College and the University. You will find a catalog of all campus communication and COVID-19 related information at <http://go.uvm.edu/covid19>.

I also understand the uncertainty and anxiety that this current situation has brought about. Things will not always be this way. However, right now it is our collective responsibility to do everything we can to battle the greatest public health crisis in our lifetime. This is an amazing community, and I am reminded daily of how special our people are, and how deeply committed we are to our missions of education, clinical care and research. Thank you for all you do, and stay well.