

Dear Peabody Conservatory faculty, students, and staff:

As you are all aware, the spread of the COVID-19 continues to be a significant public health concern across the world. With that backdrop, by now you may have seen the announcement (attached below) from President Ron Daniels outlining Johns Hopkins' University-wide guidance and information related to adapting our operations to reduce the risk of the spread of COVID-19. I am writing to offer a few additional points specific to the Peabody community and our planned activities over the coming weeks.

Beginning tomorrow morning, Wednesday, March 11, and continuing through March 15, 2020 – following the advice of public health authorities and University guidance – all Peabody classes, lessons, rehearsals, performances, and events are canceled.

- This includes Wednesday's PSO concert at Shriver Hall, all four public performances of *La Rondine*, and any student recitals scheduled during this time.
- While accommodations will be made for students who need to remain on campus, students living in the residence halls are strongly encouraged to travel home. Peabody Student Affairs will contact residential students with instructions.
- The Peabody campus remains open and staff should follow normal HR procedures.

During the week of Spring Break (March 16 through 22, 2020), the Peabody campus will remain open.

- Limited food service will be available to students who need to remain on campus.
- Concert halls and performance spaces will be closed; access to practice rooms and studios will continue with limited hours.
- Staff should report for work as usual.

Effective Monday, March 23, 2020, until at least April 12:

- Students living in the residence halls are strongly encouraged not to return to campus following spring break. Peabody Student Affairs will contact residential students to register those who need to remain on campus.
- All academic classes will be moved online; faculty and students are expected to participate in real time, as they would with in-person classes. Further guidance and technical information will be shared in the coming days.
- Private lessons, likewise, will be delivered online. Further guidance and technical information will be shared in the coming days.
- Ensemble rehearsals, recitals, studio classes, and public performances are suspended pending a return to normal operations in April.

In all circumstances, please continue to carefully follow all precautions to prevent the spread of viral illness, including washing your hands frequently; covering your coughs and sneezes with your elbow; and staying home if you are sick. Campus-wide cautionary measures currently in place include the daily sanitizing of classroom surfaces, meeting spaces, and restrooms, and the daily cleaning of pianos and other shared instruments. In addition, you will notice hand sanitizer stations placed throughout the campus for your use.

As we go through this together as an inclusive university community, please be careful not to make assumptions about others based on perceived symptoms or identities (for example, ethnicity and/or national origin) and to be supportive of those for whom this might be an especially stressful situation.

You can find updated expert resources about the Coronavirus on the [Johns Hopkins Resource Center](#), and information specific to our University community on [the Hub](#). As always, counseling resources are available to students via the [Counseling Center](#) and to faculty and staff through the [MySupport](#) program.

We recognize that many questions remain and thank you for your patience as we navigate this global challenge. Please reach out with your questions and concerns:

- Student questions about housing, dining, and residence life should be directed to the [Office of Student Affairs](#) / 667-208-6700.
- Student questions about academics, curriculum, and coursework should be directed to the [Office of Academic Affairs](#) / 667-208-6685
- Faculty questions should be directed to the [Senior Associate Dean's](#) office / 667-208-6505
- Staff questions should be directed to the [Office of Human Resources](#) / 667-208-6532
- If you need technical support for online lessons and classes, please [start here](#).

We recognize that this is a challenging time for our community. We will be in touch with additional information as this situation continues to develop. In the meantime, I thank you all for your continued efforts to stay informed and urge everyone to take good care of yourselves and others.

Sincerely,
Fred Bronstein
Dean

From: JHBroadcast <JHBroadcast@jhu.edu>

Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 7:31 PM

To: recipients@lists.johnshopkins.edu

Subject: COVID-19 Update: Classes cancelled, resume online no later than March 23



Dear Johns Hopkins Students, Faculty, and Staff:

I am writing at a critical inflection point in our university's response to the global COVID-19 epidemic.

Our approach to the epidemic has been guided by our commitment to sound public health principles and to informing our decisions with the best possible data that we can secure. It has also been guided by

our deep commitment to the welfare of the entire Hopkins' community, particularly those who are most vulnerable to the risks and consequences of this infection.

At this time, we are aware that we have members of our community who are in the process of being tested for COVID-19, including several students who may have had exposure. With this in mind, as well as advice from public health experts regarding community transmission, limited availability of testing, and the need to shift from containment to mitigation strategies, we have decided to adopt the following immediate changes to our policies and academic programming:

- Effective tomorrow, Wednesday March 11, we are cancelling *in-person* classes for all students as we transition to remote instruction, through at least April 12.
- We will move to remote instruction for all undergraduate classes following Spring Break on Monday, March 23. All graduate and professional students will transition to remote instruction as quickly as possible, with the exception of clinical-based programs, practicums and in-lab training/research.
- Students who reside in university housing are strongly encouraged not to return to campus following spring break. Those students who need to remain on campus should register with student affairs, and services and systems will be in place to support them. Students who receive need-based financial aid should expect to hear from the financial aid office to ensure they do not have economic barriers to leaving campus or remote learning.
- We strongly discourage our colleagues from holding any non-essential university events, meetings, or activities involving 25 or more people. All tours, admissions events, and alumni events (on and off campus) are suspended.
- For faculty, graduate students, and staff, all non-essential university international travel is prohibited, and all non-essential university domestic travel is strongly discouraged. All undergraduate university travel is suspended.

Other than these changes, the university remains open and fully operational. We are not adopting any special workforce policies at this time; our usual telecommuting policies apply.

[Linked here](#) you will find additional details regarding these new guidelines. We will keep you regularly informed about any further changes.

As we face the challenges posed by a fluid and rapidly evolving epidemic together, I remain profoundly grateful to each of you—our students, our clinical care providers, our faculty and graduate teaching colleagues, our staff across our campuses—who have and will continue to work tirelessly to adapt to these new circumstances in the furtherance of our core academic mission.

I want to express particular appreciation to the many colleagues who have shared their expertise and insight in public health, engineering systems, infectious disease, and emergency preparedness with us, government officials here and around the world, and the public at large. You are honoring the best of our tradition and giving powerful expression to our core value of knowledge for, and service to, humanity.

Sincerely,

Ronald J. Daniels

President