



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Students, Colleagues and Families:

Thank you for your understanding as we respond to extraordinary circumstances regarding COVID-19 and as we plan during this uncertain time. The Franklin Pierce senior leadership team has been actively engaged in discussions to continually assess the rapidly evolving threat of COVID-19 while monitoring the latest information from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) and state health agencies. There are no known COVID-19 cases in the Franklin Pierce community at this time.

Please read this message in its entirety.

With guidance from multiple federal and state sources, we continue to explore how best to safeguard the well-being of our community and ensure the academic progress of our students. We will implement the policies listed below. We will continue to demonstrate our values and fulfill our mission even if ultimately we are required to temporarily change how we work and study.

Campus Life and Academic Calendar:

- Spring break for the Rindge campus will remain as scheduled from Monday, March 16 – Friday, March 20.
- Effective Monday, March 23, all in-person classes on the Rindge campus are suspended and will transition to online instruction effective Monday, March 30.
- Effective Monday, March 30, all in-person classes on the Rindge campus will move to online instruction until at least April 6.
- Students will be allowed to return to campus on Sunday, April 5.
- Students with exceptional circumstances requesting to stay on the Rindge campus or return to campus before April 5 must be approved by the Dean of Student Affairs. A required request form will be emailed to students by 12 p.m. on Friday, March 13.
- Students should take all of the materials they need, including laptops and textbooks, with them before leaving campus on Friday, March 13. Those who have already left, but need items should contact Dean Pollom at polloma@franklinperce.edu.
- The Provost and Deans will communicate location-specific plans for our centers and graduate programs in Lebanon, Manchester, Portsmouth and Goodyear.

Academic Continuity:

- Faculty will use the weeks of March 16 and March 23 to develop alternate modes of delivering courses. Prior to March 30, Rindge students will receive specific instructions from faculty members, designed to ensure continuity of learning and academic progress.
- To prepare to offer remote instruction, all faculty will be provided with significant support and training to use remote learning technology and applications.
- Some specific programs, particularly graduate programs in Lebanon, Manchester, Portsmouth and Goodyear, may continue to meet in person.

Athletics:

- Per the NE10 Conference, we will cease all Spring Sport athletic practices and competition through April 13.
- Spring sports currently engaged in competition off campus will cease athletic activity upon return.

Travel:

- The University expects that all students, staff and faculty who are traveling during this time abide by all [CDC travel advisories](#) and stay informed of quarantine requirements that could impact your return to Franklin Pierce.
- If you have traveled to a [high-risk destination](#) you will be required to remain away from campus for a 14-day period following your return from your travel.
- We strongly discourage non-essential travel during this time.
- Students with questions regarding travel and/or their return to Franklin Pierce should contact Dean Pollom at polloma@franklinperce.edu.
- Faculty and staff with questions regarding travel and/or their return to Franklin Pierce should contact human resources at hrdept@franklinperce.edu.

Business Operations:

- Normal University operations will continue and campuses will remain open to faculty and staff, who will continue their regular work schedules.
- All large campus events with more than 25 attendees will be cancelled through April 6.

Franklin Pierce University will continue to closely monitor COVID-19 updates and implications. Please continue to check email and the Franklin Pierce [website](#) for ongoing updates.

As always and most importantly, please be mindful of your health and personal safety. We are in this together and we will get through it together.

Sincerely,

President Mooney