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Dear Colleagues,

By now, you have seen or heard about Fr. Jenkins' decision to temporarily transition to online instruction based on the recent increase of positive COVID-19 cases reported on campus. Here is what you need to know:

- Starting tomorrow at 8 a.m. and lasting until at least Wednesday, Sept. 2, all undergraduate courses will be delivered via remote means.
- Starting tomorrow at 8 a.m. and lasting until at least Monday, Aug. 24, all graduate and professional courses will be offered remotely. Additional information will be forthcoming.
- Universal mask wearing will be required on campus (indoors and outdoors).
- Until further notice, all undergraduate students who live off campus are restricted from visiting campus – and their access to campus buildings will be limited.
- Core research facilities and libraries will remain open to graduate students, faculty, and staff members.
- Research remains at Phase 3, operating as it has been, with labs accessible to faculty, graduate students and research staff.
- Arrangements will be by the colleges and schools for students who need to retrieve course materials from campus locations.
- Faculty members and graduate students may teach remotely during the temporary transition to remote instruction – or they are welcome to continue teaching remotely from their assigned classrooms with available OIT support.
- The University's stadium testing facility will remain open and operating.
- Testing, both symptomatic and surveillance, will be expanded.
- Academic staff members should seek guidance from their supervisors about remote work arrangements.

We regret the need for this sudden change in plans, but I think we can all agree we needed a substantial pivot. I plan to meet with department chairs tomorrow at midday in an effort to identify key issues and concerns.

Thank you for your continued support of Notre Dame and its students.

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