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From the Office of the Dean

Dear NYU Steinhardt Community,

President Andy Hamilton, Provost Katy Fleming, and Carlo Ciotoli, MD recently sent you an email about the [University response](#) to the COVID-19 Coronavirus. I urge you to check the [NYU Steinhardt Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Information web page](#) regularly, as it has the most recent school news and resources as well as links to University updates regarding the virus.

In the midst of all of this, I want to highlight one underlying message: we, at NYU and at Steinhardt, are dedicated, as always, to safeguarding your health, while also delivering on our academic and research commitment to you all.

We have been fully and actively engaged in comprehensive planning for responsive changes to our academic programs and campus environment. Faculty are working closely with my team to kick off remote instruction. We've assembled a [Student Readiness Toolkit](#) for our students' transition to remote classes as well as a [Remote Instruction Toolkit](#) for faculty with instructional best practices and links to existing NYU resources. Our school's [Technology Services](#) team will stagger support hours so help is available until 7:00 p.m.; [NYU IT](#) is available 24/7. We will also share more targeted information in the coming days to answer additional questions. In short, we stand ready to help.

We have increased the frequency and intensity of cleaning and disinfecting of facilities and key locations, including fixtures regularly touched such as handrails, doorknobs, and elevator buttons.

Finally, I know that this is the time for midterms and culminating projects. Even without any outside distractions, it would be a stressful time. So, please take care of yourselves and each other. Eat well, sleep enough, and prioritize your health and self care. If you're feeling stressed or anxious, or that you need emotional support for any reason, please don't wait to ask for help. Students can contact the [Wellness Exchange](#), Academic Advisors, and/or our [Student Affairs team](#). Faculty and staff can contact [Carebridge](#). We encourage everyone to download the [Safe NYU app](#) and [register their mobile devices for SMS NYU Alerts](#).

Amid this uncertainty, I am confident of one thing: we are well-positioned to meet these challenges with creative student-centered solutions. We will all, as a community, get through this together.

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