

School of Nursing COVID-19 Update

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Dear Faculty,

COVID-19 is providing us with challenges to our learning environment, but this is not the first such challenge in our careers. Many of you will remember how previous epidemics changed clinical practice and forged new medical treatments for disease. In my career these have included HIV, hepatitis C, the second measles outbreak, whooping cough, H1N1 and now corona.

Thank you all for being flexible and innovative as we move forward into a new world with COVID-19-induced social distancing as the new normal. I do acknowledge that for students however, this is a truly historic time. When history is being made, it is often confusing and frightening. But please continue communicating to students, “we’ve got this.”

Our priorities are to keep faculty, staff and students healthy; provide compelling student learning experiences, and for all students to progress through the program on schedule. Here are plans as of this afternoon.

- Onsite clinicals in hospitals and the community will end at 7am tomorrow March 18. Dr. Fitzwater will message our clinical partners.
- On-campus in-person clinical simulations will end this Friday afternoon March 20.
- Other on-campus scheduled course activities (Kaplan testing) will continue through this week.
- In consultation with semester coordinators, it has been decided that meetings with advisees for Kaplan are now optional. There are no required “mandatory” meetings for first, second and third semester students. Fourth semester already changed last semester to not include a mandatory meeting. Please make yourself available in alternative formats if one of your advisees wants to meet.
- After spring break, we will deliver clinical through virtual simulation. This will look different in different courses, but will not include on campus simulation.
- Counselors have agreed to be available for students during spring week.
- Adjunct faculty are asked to continue your commitment to Linfield students and will be called on to assist throughout the resolution of the term.
- Didactic course work and evaluation will remain online through at least April 10, but likely through the end of the semester.
- Faculty IEL coordinators will meet this Friday at noon in Peterson Hall conference room (Zoom will be available).
- Students need adequate computer, wifi access in order to successfully complete the semester.

- The campus and residence halls remain open; each student can use his/her discretion regarding remaining on campus.
- Our plan is aligned with the Oregon State Board of Nursing and our national accreditors.

Dr. Smith and I are holding a live Q & A with students at 4 p.m. today. Feel free to [watch live through this Zoom link](#), but allow students to have in-person seating. We will record and distribute.

Thank you for working closely with us as we apply lessons learned from previous epidemics to what we are now experiencing with COVID-19.

Student Life

Counseling center to remain open over spring break. With the current environment, our counselors, Kate and Austin, have graciously offered to work during spring break. Hours will remain the same as other weeks:

- Monday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Tuesday: 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.
- Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Thursday: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Residents, a friendly reminder to let Mackenzie know if you aren't feeling well so we can check in with you and provide wellness kits if needed.

While classes will be going to online, we want to remind you that campus remains open and the Residence Halls will remain open as well.

Social distancing will be applied to all face-to-face encounters

The CDC recommends maintaining a six foot distance between employees in offices and worksites. The state of Oregon is asking for the community to limit in-person meetings and non-essential travel. They suggest to stagger schedules where possible.

Library

Following are the Portland Campus Library hours of operation starting Friday, March 13, and through the end of spring break:

- Friday, March 13: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Saturday, March 14: 11:00 am – 5:00 pm
- Sunday, March 15: 3:00 – 9:00 pm
- Monday, March 16 – Thursday, March 19: 8:00 am – 9:00 pm

- Friday, March 20: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm

Spring Break hours:

- Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22 library closed
- Monday – Friday, March 23 – 27 8:00 am – 4:30 pm
- Saturday and Sunday, March 28 and 29 library closed

If you have any research needs over spring break, Professor O'Donovan will not be on campus, but will be happy to help via email (odonovan@linfield.edu) as availability permits.

Events

The blood drive scheduled for April 6th week is cancelled. Hilda is directing students who want to donate to nearby facilities.

Campus cleaning

In addition to the daily cleaning routines, our operations crew is also sanitizing common touch points multiple times daily. This includes door knobs, doors, elevator buttons, keyboards, mice, phones and hard surfaces like tabletops, desktops, and chairs. Soft surfaces, like fabric-covered chairs and sofas, are being sprayed daily with Lysol sanitizing spray.

Bottles of sanitizer and towels have been provided for general use. These are located on every floor on Loveridge Hall, on the third floor of Peterson Hall next to the water cooler, on the first floor of Peterson Hall in room 101A, and in the Library. Rooms 201 and 203 have also been provided with them.

Hand sanitizer dispensers are located next to the elevators on each floor of Loveridge Hall, and on the third floor of Peterson Hall. Additional dispensers in Peterson Hall are next to the men's restroom on the first floor of Peterson Hall, next to the all-gender restroom, and next to room 102B.

All the classrooms have been provided with facial tissue. Please let operations know if it runs out and it will be replaced promptly.

COVID-19 Data

(updated: 3/17/2020 at 12:30 p.m.)

- State of Oregon: [Overview of the number of cases and counties impacted](#)
 - Total confirmed cases: 47

- 184 pending confirmation
- 920 persons under investigation (PUI)
- 733 persons under monitoring (PUM)
 - Cases located in counties with clinical sites
 - Clackamas: 2
 - Deschutes: 6
 - Marion: 3
 - Multnomah: 2 (1 death)
 - Polk: 1
 - Washington: 14
- Washington: [Overview of number of cases and counties impacted](#)
 - Total confirmed cases: 904
 - Cases located in counties with clinical sites
 - Clark: 2 (2 deaths)

National recommendations for Schools of Nursing

- [AACN webinar series](#) (free and open to the public)
- [ACEN memo](#)
- [CCNE guidance](#)
- [Excellent article](#)
- [Interactive dashboard](#)
- [CDC](#)
- [WA Department of Health](#)
- [AACN Resources](#)
- [AACN Recommendations](#)