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PRESIDENT

Dear AU Community,

I know right now is a time of great uncertainty and we are working daily to adjust to the changing context and information about COVID-19. As we do, our focus is you – our students, faculty, and staff – and your health and safety.

I am sending this update as we make a major temporary change in how we deliver on a core part of our mission. Following spring break, American University will shift to online classes for three weeks. The university will remain open and we are ensuring support for students, faculty, and staff. Critical functions for teaching, research and other services will continue. This includes shifting some services online. We will also continue to monitor the situation and will provide ongoing guidance to faculty and staff to support their work and well-being.

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By Daniella Ignacio

In this special edition newsletter, we have a roundup of all the latest stories on AU's response to the coronavirus outbreak.

- **BREAKING NEWS: The University announced today that [classes will be temporarily moved online](#) for three weeks, until April 3. Classes are cancelled March 16 and 17 to give professors time to prepare online instruction, and will resume on March 18. Students will receive more information prior to March 18.**
- **The University Emergency Response Team [laid out some of the protocols](#) that will be in place as precautionary measures to the coronavirus. These options included online classes and self-quarantine.**

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South Korea, and most recently, Italy, have been [asked to leave their programs](#). Alternative break programs were also cancelled. The Eagle's first story on the effect of coronavirus on study abroad programs was updated on March 6 to reflect new information.

Stay tuned for more updates on the situation. For more information, visit <https://www.american.edu/coronavirus/>.



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