Office of the President

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Daemen College
Students, Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

As you may have heard by now, Governor Cuomo has moved Erie County to the "Orange Designation" for COVID-19 restrictions due to the spike in cases in our area, which he has deemed the worst in the state. We anticipated this happening, which is why we transitioned to remote instruction this past Monday the 16th. Thankfully, Daemen has been proactive and is prepared for this shift in restrictions. As decisions are being made at the NYS level, and to ensure that we are doing our part to flatten the curve we are seeing here, we need to take additional measures so that we can continue operating for students.

In response to the move to Orange, we will continue to allow students to live on campus. While we encourage those who do not absolutely need it, we are going to work with students to ensure that anyone who does not absolutely need to be right now can head home while there is no disruption to transportation and/or other services. Further, we want to make sure that we are doing everything we can to provide advance notice to students and our community as best as possible.

Please stay safe and be well. Remember: Respect to Protect! We will get through this semester and be ready for the spring term.

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