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TO: Students

FROM: Teresa A. Sullivan

Interim Provost

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Dear students,

MSU has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic by prioritizing our community members' health and success. We were the first institution in the state to shift away from in-person teaching, and we have made all of our decisions with a focus on helping students continue to make their way toward graduation. These have been difficult decisions made during a very challenging time, and their impact on you has been profound.

As part of our continued commitment to your academic progress and your health and wellness, MSU has made the decision that **MSU will offer only online courses during Summer 2020 Full Session and Session One**. It is possible that Summer Session Two will also be online. There may be exceptions for clinical courses in the health science areas, but we are unable to make a decision about that at this time.

For students currently enrolled in Summer 2020 Full Session and Session One in-person classes, those classes will be migrated to the new online status automatically; you do not need to do anything to remain enrolled in your current summer courses. Over the next month, we will expand our summer course offerings beyond the in-person classes that are now becoming online classes. This means additional opportunities for you to earn credits over the summer and make progress toward your degree, regardless of your physical location.

Between now and the start of summer classes on May 11, faculty will be working hard to ensure that summer online offerings are of the same high-quality educational experiences that you have come to expect from your MSU classes. Throughout the summer, MSU will continue to invest in its online courses and online teaching infrastructure to ensure that regardless of how the COVID-19 pandemic might impact travel in the future, MSU will provide pathways for you to continue to learn and make your way toward graduation.

As more information about summer classes becomes available, it will be shared on the [Keep Learning website](#).

As always, we strongly encourage you to reach out to your academic advisors with any questions or needs you may have. This includes questions about how this change affects your current summer 2020 enrollment and any questions about how this change expands potential summer 2020 course opportunities for you.

Very truly yours,

Teresa A. Sullivan

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