

## Update from President Rondeau

Saturday, March 14, 2020

To the NPS Community,

I am writing to you to address questions that the senior leadership has received as a result of the local schools being closed to reduce the spread of the coronavirus. In particular, I know many of our faculty, staff and students will have issues with child care.

At this point in the quarter, we have only two remaining days of classes followed by final exams. Any faculty member teaching the rest of this quarter may switch to using distance learning for the remaining classes, assignments, presentations or other course requirements. This will reduce child care problems for both the faculty and their students. In addition, supervisors should provide those who report to them with the flexibility to telework and alter their working hours as possible consistent with sustaining our mission of education and research.

For anyone needing training on distance learning technologies, we will continue offering workshops for Sakai and Zoom every day next week at 12-1pm in Reed 101, and through [Zoom](#). The [Teaching and Learning Commons](#) also has several resources for training on DL technologies.

Lastly, we are continuing to evaluate the spread of COVID-19 in our area and in the rest of the country. We will issue further guidance about plans for the spring quarter in the coming week.

WE WILL HOLD ANOTHER VIRTUAL TOWN HALL LATER IN THE WEEK TO PROVIDE UPDATES.

Sincerely,

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