Penn State is actively and carefully monitoring the situation regarding COVID-19. The guidelines below provide up-to-date advice to Penn State instructors regarding teaching. These guidelines will be regularly reviewed and updated as this situation unfolds.

THE UNIVERSITY WILL BEGIN DELIVERING ALL COURSES REMOTELY ON MONDAY, MARCH 16

Ensuring the continuity of class delivery is critical to the success of our students. Beginning on Monday, March 16th, all classes, with the exception of those delivered by the College of Medicine, should be taught remotely as scheduled. At this time, Penn State expects to deliver classes remotely until Monday, April 6th. Instructors are asked to think differently about how learning outcomes for a course can be achieved and are encouraged to be flexible and creative as they think about their courses.

All courses should be delivered synchronously at the time that they are scheduled. This is important for two reasons. First, it will avoid time conflicts that will otherwise arise if instructors are independently moving the time of their classes. Second, while there is confidence in the technology, spreading out delivery will maximize our technological resources. Third, students who receive financial aid through the Pennsylvania State Grant may lose access to this aid if courses are not delivered synchronously.

The university has multiple resources available to help instructors successfully make this transition. These resources range from reaching out to your colleagues who have experience in teaching remotely and online, to having instructional design support to help you develop alternative methods and pedagogies at remoteteaching.psu.edu that offers a quick start to delivering courses remotely through tools such as Canvas, Kaltura, and Zoom. Students will also be provided information designed to facilitate their ability to engage in learning remotely at remotelearning.psu.edu.

As instructors complete their course preparation, they are expected to communicate any changes to the course to students so that students know how to access course materials and about any changes to the syllabus, assignments, and grading during this period of remote delivery of classes.

*These guidelines and requirements are current as of the date listed herein and are subject to change.*