

March 19, 2020

Dear Student Teacher (in student teaching 1),

I hope this message finds you and your families well. As you are aware, all Delaware, Maryland, and Pennsylvania public and private schools are closed March 16 through March 27, 2020. Below is an update and a requirement for your student teaching experience at the University of Delaware.

UD President Dennis Assanis [announced modified plans](#) going forward as the University pivots to adapt to challenges presented by the coronavirus (COVID-19) situation. More information related to steps the University has been taking is available [here](#) and continues to be updated on a regular basis.

UPDATE

At this point, you are in your first semester of student teaching and you have completed 4.5 weeks in the field. In the fall of 2020, you will have another 12 weeks of student teaching. While this is not the experience we intended for you this semester, being a teacher means adapting to all kinds of situations to meet your students' needs, and we encourage you to use the resources we are providing, plus your own creative thinking, to continue to meet students' needs to the best of your ability. We encourage you to support your clinical educators during this time, too. In fact, school districts have asked us if they can continue to count on your support.

The University Center for Teaching and Learning (CTAL) provides a variety of resources to help with student learning. Please visit the [CTAL webpage](#) for more information. We are currently compiling additional resources from our programs, which we will share with you soon.

REQUIREMENT

There are many ways that you can continue to support your clinical educator and your PK-12 students remotely. **If you have not already contacted your clinical educator to ask how you can help, please do so.** Additionally, provide suggestions for how you think you can help (e.g., grading papers, conducting Zoom lessons, creating assignments, working with small groups electronically, etc.).

Before schools closed, many PK-12 students were sent home with work packets and/or instructions for online assignments. However, the type of work/assignments vary greatly by classroom. Furthermore, be aware that some children do not have access to the internet. **Contact your field instructor to discuss ways you can continue to support your clinical educator and your students.**

We recognize that your ability to participate in instructional activities will vary from classroom to classroom. It is our intention to do all we can to help you feel prepared to teach. Please use the attached log to document your daily activities with your clinical educator and with students in your classroom. **You will submit the log every other Friday to EDUC 400 CANVAS Assignments. Your field instructor will review.** This information will help us provide appropriate support for the instructional activities you are able to perform.

FURTHER INFORMATION

We recognize that these circumstances are unprecedented. Please continue to check your email every day for updates from clinical educators, field instructors, program coordinators and OCS directors. Beginning this week, you should also check the [OCS website](#) regularly for updates. The latest UD information on Coronavirus (COVID-19) updates can be found here: www.udel.edu/coronavirus.

If you are an early childhood education student, an elementary education student, or a 4+1 student and you have questions, please contact Jamie Bailey at jamierb@udel.edu. If you are a secondary education student (including all K-12 music education students) and you have questions, please contact Marie Peters at mlpeters@udel.edu.