Jan. 15, 2021
Dear Campus Community,

The start dates for the spring semester are being shifted one week — our all-remote class start is now Monday, Feb. 1 and the move to on-campus formats begins Monday, Feb. 15.

This new schedule simply slides everything forward one week from the plan we had previously outlined to you for spring. We are making the change due to local health and safety guidance and to scale up robust pooled surveillance testing for the full semester.

Details on move-in requirements, support services and other matters will be shared soon. Ahead of those aspects, here are some key points to know now:

• The first two weeks of the semester will be delivered remotely as planned — fully online — to all students.
• Returning residential students will be given scheduled times soon for their return to campus.
• Non-essential staff will be permitted to extend current remote work during the first two weeks of the semester, returning to campus Monday, Feb. 15.
• Following public health guidelines, there will continue to be no spring break.
• Final exam week will run May 8-14.
• Spring Commencement is tentatively scheduled for May 15. Details on the format will be developed over the coming weeks.
• Students with internet access issues and/or housing and food security challenges may share these details to Campus Housing and Community Living and request support during the first two weeks of the semester.

I appreciate the flexibility and understanding of the campus community — students, teaching faculty, professionals and classified staff. As we look toward the post-COVID landscape, we will keep health and safety as our top priority.

I encourage you to take steps daily to ensure the safety for you and all around you. Many areas of the state have seen strong post-holiday upticks in cases, including Clinton County.

Please wear a mask, practice social distancing, wash your hands, avoid large social gatherings, and stay home when sick.

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