

Dear Members of the Penn State Law and SIA community,

With the end of the semester in sight, this email provides information about things you'll need to know as we approach the end of in-person classes and then move into remote instruction and remote exams. As has been the case throughout this crisis, Penn State Law is operating a little differently from the rest of the university, and we wanted to clarify the plans for both schools.

End of in-person classes

A key area of difference for Penn State Law is the last day of in-person classes. The University has [announced](#) that in-person instruction ends on Friday, November 20 and this is correct for SIA. However, **please note as previously announced that Penn State Law classes will end in-person class attendance on Tuesday, November 24.** This means that Penn State Law students who attend in-person and have a class on Monday November 23 or Tues November 24 will be permitted to attend in-person on those days, as they have throughout the semester.

We also wanted to highlight that **both** the start of Thanksgiving break and last day of Fall classes is different for the two schools. Thanksgiving Break starts for SIA after November 20 and for Penn State Law after November 24th. The last day of classes for Penn State Law is November 24, and the last day of Fall classes for SIA is Friday, December 11. SIA classes after November 20 will be remote. Penn State Law will be done with classes before it goes remote.

For both schools, exams will be held remotely. **Students will not be permitted in the Katz Building for any reason from November 24 through January 18, when the Spring semester starts.**

Departure planning and testing

Earlier this week, the University [announced](#) its plans for fall departure and transition to remote instruction. For those of you planning to leave town for Thanksgiving, we encourage you to take advantage of the voluntary pre-departure testing that the University is offering November 12 to 19.

We realize that most of our students live in off-campus housing and have year-long leases and, as a result, may not be planning to leave State College until after exams. If that's the case, we encourage students to avoid traveling during the Thanksgiving break and, instead, remain in the University Park area until they depart at the end of the semester for the Winter Break. The University also is encouraging students to refrain from having family visit State College for the Thanksgiving holiday.

For our students who plan to leave the area at the end of in-person classes and would like to be tested for COVID before leaving, the link above provides information about the departure testing process. The University also encourages students to be extra vigilant in the weeks leading up to their planned departure from the area to minimize the possibility of contracting the virus prior to departure.

Building Operations

At the end of Penn State Law classes on Tuesday, November 24, the Katz Building will be closed for the remainder of the semester. Once the building is closed for the semester, students should not enter the Katz building for any reason until the Spring semester begins for both schools on January 18. The Montague Law Library will also be closed. Faculty and staff should plan to transition back to remote work. As we did in the spring, we will be asking those faculty and staff who must continue to work in the building to notify us so we can arrange our operations accordingly.

We appreciate your continued patience and collaboration as we navigate this most unusual academic year together.

Best,
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