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## County and U-M Partner on Stay in Place Directive to address COVID-19

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Dear Social Work Community,

As many of you have seen, today the Washtenaw County Health Department in partnership with the University of Michigan issued a [public health emergency "Stay in Place" directive for University of Michigan undergraduate, graduate and professional students enrolled in winter 2021](#) effective immediately and ending on February 7, 2021 at 11:59 PM. We are writing to clarify the impact on classes, field education and co-curricular activities.

**Classes:**

Currently all SSW classes with the exception of field education and SW 787, which requires participation in the Pinckney Student Run Free Clinic, are all on-line. This will continue with the current order.

**Field Education:**

- If you are currently engaged in remote field education only, please continue to do so.
- If your field education is currently hybrid or in-person, you are allowed to continue in-person field activities with the approval from your field site. Please consult with your [field faculty](#) if you have questions.

Strict adherence to preventive measures is required for all in-person field activities.

**Co-Curricular Events and Activities:**

For the duration of the "Stay in Place" order all U-M SSW in-person co-curricular events including student organization-related events and activities are cancelled. Avoid in-person gatherings at this time, and instead connect with friends, colleagues and family via remote technologies.

**It is important for all of us to stay vigilant and:**

- Continue wearing your mask or face covering, and double mask if possible everywhere on campus and when out in public.
- Practice social distancing (at least 6 feet apart from others).

- Get tested for COVID-19 weekly. [Sign up for asymptomatic testing](#). This is strongly recommended for anyone coming to campus.
- Watch for symptoms, and isolate and seek medical advice immediately if symptoms develop.
- Follow isolation or quarantine guidance if ill, exposed, or waiting on test results.
- Wash hands frequently.
- Use the [ResponsiBLUE app](#) daily.
- Get vaccinated when the vaccine becomes available to you. Complete the [Blue Queue survey](#) regarding participation in COVID-19 vaccination at U-M.
- Continue social distancing at least six feet from others who are not in your immediate group.

We know the increase in COVID cases is causing a lot of stress in our community. We want to do all we can to protect the health and well-being of students, faculty and staff. Please take advantage of the [mental health and well-being resources](#) we have in place.

If you have questions, call the U-M COVID-19 Hotline: 734-936-7000. The hotline connects you to U-M resources and support during the pandemic.

Go Blue and Stay Safe,

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