
WCHD Stay in Place Order

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Dear Social Work Community,

As many of you have seen, today the Washtenaw County Health Department issued a [public health emergency "Stay in Place" order for University of Michigan undergraduate students](#) effective immediately and continuing through November 3, 2020, at 7 AM.

Although the emergency stay pertains specifically to undergraduate students, we want to protect our graduate students, faculty and staff since Washtenaw County now has community spread indicators.

- **Therefore, the School of Social Work will adopt a primarily online format for academic courses, effective as soon as possible, unless the faculty member has a clear and compelling pedagogical reason for an in-person component to the course.** If any faculty members feel it is essential to teach in person, they should ask for an exception, and we will consider these on a case-by-case basis.
- Students who live in U-M housing and wish to return to a primary residence should make arrangements with the field education office, if applicable, and must complete U-M's procedures for leaving campus safely. (Details are forthcoming soon on the U-M procedures.)
- Most on-campus services, including libraries, will continue as they have during this semester; the Michigan Union will remain open for many services as well.

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

- Continue wearing your mask or face covering everywhere on campus and when out in public.
- Continue social distancing at least six feet from others who are not in your immediate group.
- Wash your hands often.
- Get a flu vaccine.

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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