

To: La Roche University Students
From: Office of the Provost
Subject: Summer Classes and Housing
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Dear Students:

Given the current spread of COVID-19 across Pennsylvania and the United States, it appears the pandemic will continue to affect travel and social distancing requirements for the foreseeable future. Out of an abundance of caution and concern for our students, staff and faculty, **La Roche University is moving all summer semester classes to an online format. Additionally, the free housing option typically available for the summer months is not being extended jointly with summer classes.**

Campus resources like computer labs and the library will re-open over the summer once Governor Wolf's stay-at-home order is lifted, but again, caution will be exercised in the manner in which we reopen facilities. For now, it is very important to continue to maintain social distancing and observe travel restrictions.

We realize that many students and families are experiencing personal and financial hardships at this time, and it may be impossible for some students to stay at or return home for the summer. Therefore, limited summer housing options will be available at a discounted rate for those who need it. Students who plan to have a Fall '20 housing contract will have priority for the limited space. Summer housing applications will be available on the housing portal in My.LaRoche under applications on the left hand side beginning Wednesday, April 15. For questions, please call the Housing and Residence Life office at 412-536-1195 or email residencelife@laroche.edu.

The recent adjustments to grading deadlines, policies, and the summer semester are all necessary to ensure that everyone – staff, faculty, and especially students – all remain healthy. We all are eager to be back together as a community soon. Until then, I trust that all of you are in your homes, safe and well.

Respectfully,

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