

# RECOVERY AND RENEWAL: COVID-19 UPDATE AND LOOK AHEAD

**MAY 4, 2020**

## A Comprehensive Response: Spring 2020

COVID-19 tested our community and our world like few things in history. But the AU community was undeterred.

Our COVID-19 response is guided by key principles:

- Ensuring the health and well-being of our community;
- Advancing our mission of teaching, learning, and research; and
- Contributing to the broader public health and economic response to this crisis.

COVID-19 has created new paths for all of us, but Eagles have not deviated from our purpose of changing the world.

## Recovery and Renewal: Fall 2020

Preparing for the fall semester and beyond is now our primary focus. As COVID-19 still presents many challenges and uncertainties, we are exploring the many scenarios that may be possible or necessary in the fall, depending on health and safety conditions.

No matter the format, our promise is this – American University will provide the robust, high-quality, and dynamic education that is the hallmark of our mission. We will have an immediate-term solution for our community and concurrent long-term approaches that shapes our educational mission long into the future.

## Select Spring Actions

- 2,000 spring classes moved online
- Pass/Fail grading option
- 3,800 students safely moved from residence halls
- Expanded telework
- 10 percent discount on summer classes
- Virtual commencement ceremony on May 9
- See more on the COVID-19 Resources page

## KEY DATES

May 15  
Task Force  
recommendations

By Early June  
Fall semester  
plan  
announcement

May 27  
Early Decision  
class registration  
begins

June 3  
Regular  
Decision class  
registration  
begins

August 24  
Fall classes  
begin

## PLANNING TASK FORCES

### Health and Safety

*Co-Chairs:*

**Fanta Aw**, VP of Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence

**Dan Nichols**, AVP of Risk Management

### Workforce Planning

*Co-Chairs:*

**Seth Grossman**, Chief of Staff and Counselor to the President

**Beth Muha**, AVP of Human Resources

### Enrollment and Retention

*Co-Chairs:*

**Fanta Aw**, VP of Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence

**Wendy Boland**, Interim Dean of Graduate Studies