

March 16, 2020

Hello EMBA Students, Faculty & Staff:

At Ottawa University, we are committed to serving and educating international students. Given this mission, the health and safety of our students is a top priority. We have been closely monitoring the rapidly changing Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) circumstances. With new guidance on March 15, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends organizers cancel or postpone in-person events that consist of 50 people or more for the next eight weeks throughout the United States.

The Ottawa University Administration has decided to move all EMBA students to an online learning modality for the Early Summer EMBA weekend of May 1-3. **To repeat, all EMBA students scheduled to attend the EMBA weekend of May 1-3 will attend class in an online learning format and are NOT required to travel to a classroom destination at your respective campus. No EMBA students or faculty will attend in person any class at any campus location.**

Dr. Marylou DeWald has notified and received SEVIS approval for this one-time decision to combat and minimize the expansion of the Coronavirus. At this time, all students are expected to attend class and be on campus for the Summer EMBA weekend of June 26-28.

Additional information about the online learning modality for the upcoming Early Summer EMBA weekend of May 1-3 will be released no later than next Friday, March 27. Please know you can contact your academic advisor, Jamie Fields, but you are **highly encouraged to wait until AFTER** you have received the email outlining the online modality requirements to be released by next Friday, March 27.

Finally, all commencement ceremonies and activities have been postponed for this spring. To celebrate all graduates and their milestone achievements, a future commencement date is under consideration most likely in the fall term. Please stay tuned for more information as it is available and continue to monitor ottawa.edu/coronavirus for updates.

In the OU Spirit,

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