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To the CTU Community:

While the CTU Community continues to respond to the COVID-19 emergency, I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the recent guidance in Illinois' current stay-at-home extension.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced that his statewide stay-at-home order has been extended to May 30. Effective today, May 1, when venturing out for essential services, the governor is requiring people older than 2 years of age to wear a face covering anytime they are unable to maintain a distance of 6 feet from others. More information about these guidelines is available on the [Illinois Department of Public Health website](#).

First and foremost, this means that you should continue to stay at home as much as possible. As we announced last week, CTU's staff members should plan to work from home through at least June 12.

Second, please wear a face mask or bandana that snugly covers your nose and mouth to help prevent the spread of germs while in public, focusing on settings where you cannot maintain a 6-foot distance from others at all times. **If it is absolutely necessary for you to come to CTU, we will expect you to wear your own face covering in the interest of maintaining a healthy environment.**

Please visit the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website](#) for information on making a face covering.

The City of Chicago has also launched a "Chicago Together! Make a Mask, Give a Mask, Wear a Mask" Campaign. Please visit the [Citywide Cloth Mask Drive website](#) for information on how to support this effort.

I want to express my sincere thanks to all of you for your dedication and commitment to the mission of CTU during this emergency. Let us continue to pray for each other and care for one another ... from a distance.



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