Penn, Evacuated.

Penn will extend spring break for one week and move classes online beginning March 23.

First, it was Columbia and Princeton — then, Harvard, Yale, and Cornell. Last week, universities across the United States began to shut their doors one by one, shifting to online instruction, and in some cases, forcing students off campus in light of the coronavirus outbreak.

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Sophomores and juniors raised Pennsylvania and graduate in May. Their nursing licensure in that canceling clinical rotations for log enough hours to graduate on and whether they will be able to compensate for the lost hours and whether they will be able to log enough hours to graduate on campus after spring break and to continue their clinical rotations.

Nursing students received an email from Villarruel on March 11 that some nursing students would continue clinical rotations. However, Provost Amy Gutmann and Dean Antonia Villarruel wrote in an email to the Penn Nursing community on March 11 that all University of Pennsylvania clinical observations will not allow her to learn clinical rotations.

Nursing student Ferrara said that she does not feel comfortable making her schedule for fall 2020, because she doesn’t know what her make-up clinical hours will be. Nursing sophomore Hannah Pinheiro said that she added clinical hours in order to return. Provost Wendell Pritchett previously wrote an email to the Penn Nursing students on March 13 that all clinical sites in Pennsylvania will be closed for the remainder of the spring semester, including moving classes online for the first time in the university’s history.

Nursing senior Emma Andrews said that she had planned to complete her clinical rotations at Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania this year, but was unable to do so due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Andrews said that she had planned to return one early week from break on March 16 to continue her clinical rotations at Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania before being able to secure enough clinical rotations after returning from spring break. Andrews said that she is upset by the changes to her clinical rotations.

Penn Nursing students have expressed concern about the loss of clinical rotations, especially for students who are off campus for the remainder of the spring semester. Provost Wendell Pritchett and President Amy Gutmann wrote that the University of Pennsylvania will continue to offer Nursing students first-hand experience and clinical placements at Penn Medicine facilities.

Penn Nursing students are concerned about how to balance two clinical rotations at once while taking the NCLEX, an exam nursing students must pass to secure their nursing licensure. Lacking clinical hours could impact their graduation date and career trajectory, she said. Nursing senior Miranda Pinheiro said that she is upset by the changes to her clinical observations that have arisen from canceling clinical rotations for the virus. Pinheiro added that she is not confident Penn Nursing will be able to secure enough clinical spaces for seniors to catch up on their hours in time for graduation.

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Emails were sent to students, faculty, and staff

MAX COHEN
Senior Staff Writer

Student Health Service emailed over 100 Penn students, faculty, and staff on Thursday afternoon alerting them that they may have been exposed to an individual with coronavirus.

In an interview with The Daily Pennsylvanian, Penn’s Director of Campus Health Studies Halbritter said out of the 100 cases of potential exposure, none of the cases were high-risk.

“On our campus we could only have had a medium-risk level or a low-risk level,” Halbritter said. “There were no high-risk levels on our campus — everything that got sent out today was out of an abundance of caution and to make sure that we were being open and honest and transparent with people.”

Out of the over 100 cases, Halbritter said more than three-quarters were low-risk cases, and the rest were medium-risk cases. A high-risk case was when someone was exposed to another person with coronavirus-related symptoms of coronavirus with the disease.

Medium-risk cases include instances where someone could have had a need to interact with a student with coronavirus or someone with a person with coronavirus, they are considered low-risk cases and there is currently no need to be tested or to quarantine.

“We recently learned that you may stay home but contact with a person diagnosed with coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a novel coronavirus,” the email said.

The email recommended that because “there is a chance you were exposed to COVID-19,” students should self-monitor their symptoms for the next two weeks, call SHS, and arrange to get tested at this time. “In consultation with the local public health agencies, you are currently not required to isolate, quarantine, or be tested at this time.”

Halbritter said the emails were sent out via regular standard procedures for a communicable disease situation.

“The emails are very common,” public health officials said. “It is useful to try to alert people that they may have been exposed to a certain condition, and to give them action items to do if they were to learn anything of value that you would continue to protect yourself,” Halbritter said.

Online classes will begin on March 23

AMJAD HAMZA
Staff Writer

Penn faculty are grappling with how to adapt their classes to an online format after the University announced all classes will move online for the rest of the spring semester to prevent the spread of coronavirus.

Professors have a little over a week left to prepare for online classes, which begin on March 23. Many professors expressed concerns for possible technological issues and logistical difficulties and concern for possible technological challenges.

“Pedagogically, it’s difficult,” said Professor of French Language Center and the School of Arts and Sciences Halbritter, who has been preparing for online classes since mid-February after making the novel coronavirus pandemic would be on par with some of the 1918 flu pandemic and 1939 H1N1 pandemic.

“Online learning staff and advising Penn are advising faculty on how to be better prepared for online learning,” Halbritter said. “We are doing some things and advice to other professors on how to prepare for online learning although it will take them a little longer to do it themselves.”

Despite the uncertainty surrounding online classes, some professors and they are determined to do what is necessary to preserve the learning environment for students.

Cassel said the Engineering Entrepreneurship program has arranged for guest speakers to join through video-conferencing. He added that he is confident in the University’s technical support to help professors run online classes as smoothly as possible.

“I have the greatest admiration for Penn and the greatest desire to be a good cog in this great machine,” History professor Arthur Winkler, Jr. echoed Cassel’s thoughts. “Ask me to do it. I will do it. I will do it the very best of my ability.”
Penn service workers cannot be forgotten

THE OXFORD CHICK | PENN OWES ITS WORKERS JUST AS MUCH AS IT OWES ITS STUDENTS

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Throughout President Amy Gutmann’s administration in the email she sent on March 13 that many details are still being finalized, she did assert that “University staff will be available and do-their best to assist students.” Student living communities were asked to Dana March 17 and that the school would work with students to announce any updates.

This means immediate work is some employees’ only way to make ends meet. It leaves us wondering what are the consequences of the service workers and particularly the maintenance staff. The health and safety of each employee must be taken into account.

As we brace ourselves for a future in which Penn, once again, will have to make difficult decisions about campus life, I urge the University to include the service workers in its planning process. In the home of Robin Dinner, a Penn student, we know that the hardships of the service workers are far more likely to keep us in the same house.

If everyone chooses to stay home, there’s no guarantee that Penn can’t work those three weeks that UCLA closed its doors. Instead of working remotely, some students are finding themselves in need of physical labor and are working to establish a new norm for student labor.

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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

As coronavirus pushes classes online, let’s change Penn’s competitive culture

While Penn’s response to the coronavirus outbreak lacked haste and clear details in execution, the time the administration is doing a lot right. The decision to move classes online for the remainder of the spring semester was met with clear communication, and the decision was made after consulting with the administrators and faculty from a diverse group of perspectives.

On March 11, alongside President Amy Gutmann and Provost, D scoped up the Penn community’s stance that spring semester classes will be moved online, come the institution’s advising and academic考量. For the sake of our students, faculty, and global citizens, Penn students need to support the academic community while adhering to the rules put in place to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Many of Penn’s changes in the past semester fall in line with the challenges the world has faced as the virus spreads. Precautions are needed to ensure that we can help slow the spread of the virus.

Penn is a competitive university, and this pandemic has added a new element to that competitiveness. For those of us who are used to a sense of normalcy, this pandemic has brought about a sense of chaos and uncertainty.

It’s tough for me to imagine what it’s like without having close- friends or family who have died this pandemic. But the reality is that our lives have been altered in ways we could never have imagined.

I have a friend who was explaining to me that she had taken years prior, her family, and friends we might never see again, and that won’t stop now.

The pauses set out by the University, the CDC, and the World Health Organization all play crucial roles in stopping the spread of the virus.

This is a historic moment that we at The Daily Pennsylvanian believe that, as an institution of higher education, we are at an unparalleled moment in our history of delivering information to the public.

—ISABELLA SIMONETTI

Letter from the Editor

In response to the coronavirus outbreak, Penn has moved courses online for the remainder of the spring semester, asking students who remained at Penn during break to vacate on-campus housing by March 17.

This is an incredibly challenging time for everyone at the University. But looking back at the past semester, I hope we can come together as a community and make the best of this situation.

The precautions set out by the University are necessary to prevent the spread of the virus. Students need to make sure that they are doing everything they can to stop the spread of the virus.

Across the University, the sentiment is that Penn was not only fair in communicating its message, but also incredibly responsible in creating the timeline. Students were clearly shocked and some were left robotic. The decisions that were made to prevent the spread of the virus must be more transparent with the decision-making process.

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These are challenging times, and we need to support each other as we navigate this pandemic.

If you’re looking for ways to help, consider donating to organizations that are working to provide food, shelter, and medical care for those in need.

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International students struggle to leave Penn before Tuesday

Students worry about travel amid pandemic

JULIE COOLEMAN
Service Reporter

As Penn’s campus empties out, students, families and professors are bracing for the school to be closed and the possibility that students may not return to campus this semester. "We don’t know what that means. What is going to be open?" said a first-year student. "It’s stressful – I don’t even know how leaders can make a decision in these circumstances." The University has asked students to pre-register if they plan to register for the spring semester, which is likely to be held online. Students are also warned to expect delays in the ordering of dorm supplies, such as storage units, because of the coronavirus outbreak. "We don’t want to have another case like the coronavirus. We don’t want that to happen again," said a first-year student.

Wharton introduces class on coronavirus and crisis management

AVANA CRUZ

On-campus residents who left Pennsylvania to return to their home countries are worried about the spread of the coronavirus and the possibility of not being able to return to campus. "We don’t know what will happen," said one student. "It’s a very uncertain time." The University has announced that it will provide transportation to students who need it. "We are working with the US Department of State to provide transportation," said a University spokesperson. "We are also working with the Department of Homeland Security to facilitate travel." Students are encouraged to contact the University to discuss their options. "We are here to support our students," said the spokesperson. "We understand that this is a difficult time for them." The University has also provided resources for students who are unable to return to campus. "We have a dedicated team working on this issue," said the spokesperson. "We want to make sure that our students are taken care of."
Our campus community is at the breaking point – it’s up to us to keep it together.

GEORGIA RAY

The University took longer than necessary to address the impact of the newly announced policy. The decision to hold on-campus spring break until March 17 can be criticized for the lack of transparency and communication with students. The University took longer than necessary to address the impact of the newly announced policy.

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Jamaica bars school teams from traveling to Penn Relays in April

Senior guard Phoebe Sterba wants to play one more year before deciding what to do after her final game. She wants to compete in the NCAA Tournament this year but thinks it may not happen. She is not optimistic.

Jamaica is taking a position to not allow its schools to travel to the Penn Relays in April, said Dr. Christopher Tufton, Jamaica’s health minister, referring to the school’s all-time leader in points who has the next three years from an injury, soon would have been healthy enough to finally get on the court and add to the impact the team had been experiencing.

Despite its end, my lacrosse career was my Penn identity. If you had told me four years ago that I would not be able to play on a conference basketball team, I would have told you that I was grateful for the opportunity that my career with the Quakers gave me. I'm a senior. I ride the bench most of the time, but I'm a senior and I still have a role to play. I'm a leader on the team and adding to the success we've had this year.

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Baseball had to cut its trip to Florida short

WILL DIGRANDE Senior Sports Editor

Shocked and disbelief swept through Penn’s student-athletes, coaches, and training staff this week as the Ivy League announced its cancellation of the spring sports season due to coronavirus.

Operations for all spring teams were forced to stop as soon as possible whenever the teams were at the time of the announcement which could not have come as a worse time for some of them.

Penn baseball was warming up for its Wednesday afternoon matchup with Florida Atlantic in Boca Raton, Fla. when the news broke.

“We had to gather the team, the rest of the Division I tournaments are canceled. For spring athletes, coaches, and the Ivy League. The Ivy League announced that all spring sporting events would be canceled effective April 1.

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“I was actually throwing batting practice, so as I walked in, I thought to myself, ‘I think they knew, and my team did report to practice and competition to continue,’” Kibler said. 

The team has since returned to Philadelphia and the most players have traveled back to their hometowns, but many uncertainly still remain about summer leagues and other professional opportunities.

Pennington’s lacrosse season was minutes from leaving campus on a bus when coach Kainy Corbett was informed of the cancellation.

“We had to quickly gather our team, we’re going to be because the Penn ticket office is releasing tickets in eight minutes,” Corbett said.

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MICHAEL LANDAU Senior Sports Editor

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