

Dear Faculty, Staff and Students,

My sincere thanks for the positive responses I have received on our recent benefit improvements and actions we are taking to protect, plan and secure work for our faculty and staff while providing students with the continuation of their education. So many of our students are dependent on their financial aid packages, and it is through the continued education that we can ensure their access to funds remain available. Faculty, staff and my office have heard from many of our students. They have voiced their appreciation of the work faculty and staff have completed to continue their classes, exams and experiences online. All of our students are learning the importance of becoming a resilient health care provider in times of a national medical emergency.

My message this evening is one of thanks. Our new [Midwestern University 2020 Emergency Action Plan](#) begins Monday, March 23, 2020 is in effect until April 20, 2020. I am so impressed by our faculty and staff that have begun careful planning to effectively work at home and have started or completed the necessary paperwork to document responsibilities and protocols. I also wish to thank the many departments who have already established a plan for those positions that must be performed on campus, allowing our faculty and staff to share workloads, rotate work days and managed within the modified core business hours.

We are continually monitoring the action plans being announced by both states and federal government. We continue to follow the published action steps issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to contain the spread of COVID-19. Midwestern University will make the necessary revisions to our plans as any new or different federal or state protocols are announced. We are not deviating from the published standards of the CDC, but we do remain informed and flexible. I will make any necessary changes to our current plans when necessary.

During these stressful days, I have been overwhelmed by the amount of kind outreach and your support. For those sending words of thanks and encouragement during this difficult time, I thank you. We will get through this together...one day at a time. Stay well.

Dr. G.