



## Office of the President

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Daemen College  
Faculty and Staff

Dear Colleagues,

Information and events concerning the COVID pandemic seem to be changing at a dizzying pace. Daemen's senior staff and emergency response team (ERT) have been working to try to keep up with all of these changes and manage how they affect the college.

At a press conference held this morning, Erie County Executive Mark Poloncarz provided an update on the county's response to the COVID pandemic. At this event, he declared a state of emergency for Erie County effective at noon today, and he noted that we are entering "uncharted territories." The county state of emergency includes closing schools in Erie County for Monday. It is reasonable to assume that if not all school districts will close for some amount of time. I know many of you have been preparing for this, but now it is a reality.