

## Summary: Staff Senate COVID-19 Conversation with Dr. Lisa Erwin

- Can you briefly explain your role with the COVID-19 taskforce to help us frame this conversation? Some of us may not be aware of the way the communication and operations have trickled down at UMD during preparation and execution of the pandemic plans.
  - A systemwide approach is being followed in regard to COVID-19. UMD's Emergency Operations Plan is being followed to the greatest extent possible. Particularly the section on Pandemic Flu, Appendix R, which addresses emergency operations in a pandemic flu situation. The Emergency Operations Team in this situation includes representatives from: Communications, Campus Infrastructure, Teaching, International/Study Abroad Programs, Research, Housing and Residence Life, Health Services, Human Resources, Finance, ITSS, Athletics/Recreation, and UMD Police, also invited are Medical School Duluth and College of Pharmacy Duluth representatives. Dr. Erwin is convener of the team, which meets virtually on a weekly basis, and a report is subsequently submitted to the system.
- Currently, the S/N grading option is a students #1 question - when will we have more information sent regarding this for UMD?
  - S/N grading option: for messaging go to the [Chancellor's Communications Archive](#) (March 20), a followup message covering this and other subjects, will likely be sent out tomorrow, and for further grading/academic information or questions, [contact the offices of the EVCAA](#) directly.
- How have remote mental health resources been utilized by students and staff? Are there additional resources being developed for drop in counseling?
  - See [Student Resources Message](#), [Health Services](#), [Counseling Services](#), other [COVID-19 Updates](#), more information to follow at [Counseling Services](#) as telehealth becomes available.
- Students are expressing concern about how they are going to afford college because many have lost jobs because of places closing down. Are you aware of any resources we can direct them to?
  - [Pay Provisions During Emergency Closings or Reduced Operations](#)
  - Information covering a wide array of subjects can also be found on various departmental home pages: [One Stop Student Services](#), [Vice Chancellor for Student Life](#), Colleges/Schools ([CEHSP](#), [CLA](#), [LSBE](#), [SCSE](#), [SFA](#)), [UMD Stores](#), and [Chancellor's Communications Archive](#), to name a few.
- Thank you to University leaders for figuring out a way to pay our student workers. I am worried about those student workers who've been permitted to work remotely, but aren't working their full hours. Will they be able to pay for the hours they're being "shorted" while working remotely.
  - [Pay Provisions During Emergency Closings or Reduced Operations](#)
- Briefly discussed emergency funds and concerns regarding next year's enrollment.
- Are there additional ways that staff could help students during this challenging time?
  - Be as well versed as possible regarding available resources.