

Osher at RIT

Spring 2020 Term Update

3/24/20

Dear Osher Community Members,

At an online meeting Monday, March 23, the Osher at RIT Council made several important decisions, which conform to NYS and RIT mandates, in response to the COVID-19 crisis.

Below find brief summaries of the decisions and some guidance about how to respond. Additional information will follow in subsequent emails and in the April newsletter.

- **No in-person Spring classes, lectures, or events will be conducted at the Osher building until further notice.** However, rather than not having any programming at all, some Spring term courses will be offered online via the Zoom platform. We encourage you to sign up for the free version and test it out with family and friends! (It is also available as an app on mobile phones and tablets.)
- **The scheduled registration on Tuesday, March 31 will be held as planned** and will include all the courses publicized in the catalog. However, because some course leaders may not be able to use Zoom to deliver their course, we will publicize the updated list of course offerings as soon as they are available after registration. If you register for courses that will not be offered online, you will be contacted, and you will be able to change your selections to courses that will be offered, if you so desire. The Technology Committee will develop online tutorials before these online classes begin.
- Because of ongoing uncertainty and restrictions, **the Summer Seminar program has been canceled**, with hopes that improved conditions might permit the restoration of some events later.

We are grateful for the outpouring of support members have expressed; we know for many of you Osher is an extension of your family. We are committed to doing everything possible to secure our future as these uncertain times continue.

Thank you for your support and understanding.

David Hill, Council Chair
and
Mary Bistrovich, Program Administrator