

# RIT | Communication to Academic Affairs Managers:

## November 9, 2020, 5:30 p.m.

### What is Happening

- As outlined in today's Message Center announcement from Drs. Munson, Granberg, and Johnson, RIT is moving to an **orange alert** status as of Monday, November 9, 2020. This means the prevalence of COVID-19 has increased above baseline and indicators show rates of infection increasing.
- **At this time, there are no changes to instructional delivery or classes. In-person instruction, programs and services will continue as scheduled as there no evidence of virus transmission in classroom settings.**
- Based on the change to orange alert status, many mitigation strategies have been implemented. Please visit [RIT COVID Alert Level to Orange](#) for specific information.

### What to Do

- Ensure that your faculty and staff are aware of this change and the [mitigation strategies](#) that have been implemented.
- Staff should continue to follow their normal work schedules as the university has not seen transmission of the virus on employee work places.
- Remind faculty to communicate with their students of any change in course expectations.
- Review your plans and update as needed so that you are prepared should another change occur.
- Outreach to your department to provide a sense of calm and consistency during this challenging time.

### Stay Up-to-date

- **Check your email, [COVID Alert Level to Orange](#), and the [RIT Ready website](#) often for news and updates.**
- The [RIT COVID-19 Dashboard](#) is updated Monday-Friday at 4 p.m.
- If you have questions or need further direction, please contact your supervisor or manager.

### Resources Available

- [RIT Ready website](#)
- [Provost's website](#)
- [HR website](#)
- [COVID Alert Level to Orange](#)

Your leadership at this time is extremely important and I am grateful for your ability to pivot quickly. Thank you again for your work during this new twist to our complicated fall semester.

Sincerely,

Ellen Granberg, Ph.D.  
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