Communication to Students: November 9, 2020

Tiger spirit continues to be strong as we continue to work through the semester. This morning however, RIT has moved from yellow to orange status. This means your vigilance and actions in keeping our community healthy and safe are more important than ever.

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.

- 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

- Check your email, myCourses, Slack (or whatever mechanism is used by your faculty to communicate with you) and the RIT Ready Website regularly for updates and announcements.

- Check with your faculty for further information about your classes if you have additional questions.

- Check in with your advisors as needed.

- Continue to follow RIT’s health and safety protocols – wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance, even with your close friends and associates.

Stay Up-to-date

- Updates will be provided on the RIT Ready Website and the RIT COVID Alert Level website.

- RIT COVID-19 Dashboard will be updated Monday through Friday at 4 p.m.

Resources Available

Please see below for resources available to you if you need additional support:

- Counseling and Psychological Services
- Student Health Center
- Spirituality & Religious Life resources
- NYS COVID-19 crisis line (1-888-364-3065)
- Mental Health and Coping During COVID-19

I am grateful for your ability to pivot quickly and know that you may be experiencing stress and anxiety related to this action. Please do not hesitate to seek assistance if you need it. And, please stay in contact with your faculty and advisors as needed. Thank you for your work during this complicated fall semester – we will get through this together.

Sincerely,

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