



# Emergency Conditions & Emergent Situations

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The local, regional, and national emergencies like the COVID-19 pandemic affect different communities and families to different degrees and in different ways. While I am happy that some families and communities may not be gravely affected by such emergencies, I am mindful that there are others who may experience great loss in addition to physical, mental, emotional, financial, academic, and professional challenges. Please know that I want to help you succeed in this course despite the challenges posed by local, regional, and national emergencies. This does not mean that I will (or can!) exempt you from assignments. It does mean that I will work with you to help you meet deadlines and provide extra support if YOU REACH OUT TO ME.

In turn, I hope you will be mindful of the challenges your colleagues may be facing in the event of an emergent situation and to that end, that you abide by the policies listed below.

## Local, Regional, and National Guidelines

I will follow local, regional, and national guidelines, including those issued by the CDC, and I ask that you do the same.

## Safe Classroom Behavior

In choosing to attend Temple College, you've chosen to join a larger learning community. As a community, it is our job to take care of each other:

- By following issued guidelines
- **By staying home when you are not feeling well**—Because I will post all class materials online, and you will submit all assignments online, you will not get behind if you are not physically present in class, as long as you continue to check D2L and touch base with me.

## Emergent Situations and Attendance

I will not drop you from this course due to attendance alone. (Note that if you are a dual credit student, your high school may follow a different attendance policy.)

- **I have designed this class so that you can work remotely should the need arise.** So that I am aware of your situation and can help ensure that you do not fall behind or that you are not dropped from the course due to lack of participation, please contact me if there are extenuating circumstances preventing you from attending class or completing your work.
- When possible, it is always best to contact me BEFORE a challenge arises.

## Course Modality

All of my courses, even those not scheduled as online courses, have been designed to easily transition to a fully online modality, should the need arise due to campus closure. To that end, D2L will be utilized to support this course.

- Regardless of course modality, all student work will be submitted online.
- Updates that affect course modality will be communicated in a timely fashion. If it becomes necessary to move this course completely online, any and all changes will be communicated to the students via email and D2L.
- If I am ill during the semester or have an emergency, there may be temporary changes to this course, which will also be communicated via email or D2L.