

MASS ACADEMY UPDATES

After a conference call with the Department of Education and the Department of Public Health on Friday, the Governor's press conference on Sunday, and consultation with WPI, the following decisions have been made with regards to the opening of Mass Academy for the beginning of D term.

Juniors will begin D-Term on-line on Wednesday, March 18 with a virtual meeting with Mr. Barney at 9:30 AM. An email invitation to the zoom conference will be sent on Tuesday. The schedule for the rest of the week, through April 3rd, is posted on the website.

Seniors will begin D-term on **Wednesday March 25th** as indicated in a previous email from President Leshin. More information on instructional delivery is being developed and will be forwarded shortly.

SISP presentation day will not be held, due to WPI project Presentation Day being cancelled. The SISP hour's requirement will be reduced to a minimum of 66 hours, and students will submit a presentation to their advisors for review by April 24th. Details of the presentation will be outlined via email in the next week.

The Walden Chamber Players Artist in Residency program has been cancelled for 2020

Decisions on the Prom, Senior Dinner and Graduation will not be made until at least the week of March 23rd, when more information is available. Senior Breakfast is postponed, since classes are now scheduled on May 8^t.

Other Resources

Guidance provided by the Department of Education to us regarding COVID-19 (so far) can be found [here](#). Particular highlights are as follows:

Students or staff members returning from international travel.

Guidance:

1. All returning travelers from high risk [Level 3 countries](#) must self-quarantine for 14 days.

WPI COVID-19 updates

WPI will continue to provide updates through their website [here](#). You can also go directly to <https://www.wpi.edu/news/coronavirus>.

We will continue to monitor the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Massachusetts Department of Education, the Governor's office and WPI, and make decisions moving forward in the best interest of the safety and well-being, as well as academic progress, of all of the members of our Mass Academy community.