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From: Dmitry Bam <dmitry.bam@maine.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 12:15 PM
To: Maine Law Faculty; Maine Law Staff; Maine Law Class of 2020; Maine Law Class of 2021; Maine Law Class of 2022
Subject: March 18 - Law Dean Update

Dear Maine Law Community:

Some of you have asked how we will react if somebody within our community tests positive for coronavirus. If and when that day comes, we will work with Maine CDC and our state's healthcare institutions to ensure that we are taking adequate steps to protect you. If the CDC believes additional testing within the community is required, we will communicate that information to you. I am hopeful that the steps we have already taken will help stem the spread of the virus, but we will remain in constant contact as new information comes to light and bring in medical experts as needed. In the meantime, keep practicing good social distancing and hand-washing, and stay home when at all possible!

On a related note, please be kind to your fellow Community members (and to all other fellow human beings) as we work through this pandemic. I recognize this is a stressful time for everyone, but it is also important not to stigmatize or discriminate against each other based on that stress or fear. We are working very hard as an institution to enable you to finish your education while keeping you as healthy and safe as we can. We recognize the struggles that some of you may face with childcare obligations, financial responsibilities, etc., and our decisions are guided by that understanding.

Best,
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