

Greetings fellow Granite State College faculty!

Although teaching and learning online is second nature for many of us, maintaining high levels of engagement during a global crisis is uncharted territory for us all. The College has developed a central website for our community that provides updates, key resources, and tips about ways to care for family and remote work.

- **Please bookmark this page for easy reference:**  
<https://www.granite.edu/coronavirus-info/>

## *Preparing for Spring Term*

If you are teaching for the spring term, your students may have questions about how Granite State College's COVID-19 response will impact them. To help you navigate some of the anticipated questions, the College has developed a handy FAQ on the [COVID-19 resource web page](#) for students that can provide language to help you respond to student questions. In combination with your typical teaching practices that embrace high levels of supportive engagement and substantive feedback, we encourage the following approach during this time:

### **Be Present, Available & Responsive**

- Reach out early to students, welcome them to class, and encourage them to connect with you if they have any questions.
- Online course shells are made available to students three days prior to the start of term. Be sure your welcome announcement is posted.
- Ensure that your availability and response times are clearly stated, and respond to student questions in a timely manner.

### **Be Patient!**

- These are changing and challenging times for everyone. Be patient with yourself and students at this time, understanding that we are all navigating uncharted waters. Granite State College has always been a caring and supportive higher education organization, and we continue to embrace that approach at this time.

### **Stay Healthy & Positive**

- It's important to remember to be good to you at this time. In addition to the resources on the College's official COVID-19 web page, we are adding helpful resources at <https://faculty.granite.edu/index.php/self-care/>

### **Remember: You're Not Alone.**

- We have a [robust](#) support system in place and are here to support you. Find helpful guidance on the [Granite State College Faculty Resources & Expectations checklist](#).

- In addition, we are hosting virtual drop-in sessions and an “Ask Us Anything” series to stay connected and informed. Check out upcoming offerings at: [faculty.granite.edu](https://faculty.granite.edu)

Thank you for all you do for our students, and please remember to care for you at this time as well. We hope to see you at an upcoming drop-in session!

- Julie