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Below are important updates for March 31, 2021.

- **Wellness Day Reminder.** The university altered this semester's calendar by eliminating the traditional week-long spring break to restrain the spread of COVID-19 by curbing travel. We recognize, however, the universal need for a break during the spring, so we built in three days throughout the semester when classes will not be held.

The final scheduled day is Thursday, April 8. On this day, there will be no class meetings, regardless of delivery mode. University offices will be open. So that you may truly use this time to relax and recharge, we again remind you that there should be no assignments due or any meetings related to class on this date. Please consider how to best ensure you and your students are able to benefit from the intended day of rest.

- **Commencement.** Plans for spring graduation continue to evolve in response to changing state guidelines. Faculty will not be required to attend commencement this year, as they would normally be per the [Faculty Handbook](#), due to concerns about the ongoing pandemic. Given the capacity requirements set by the Commonwealth, faculty attendance policies may vary by ceremony. More details will be provided as soon as possible, and you can find the [latest information](#) online.

Best wishes,
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