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Dear Service Learning Instructors,

As you know, due to COVID-19 and in an abundance of caution, Daemen College has decided to make changes to our instructional format and move all courses online starting on 3/23/2020 and for the foreseeable future. With the change to instructional format, *all service learning sites will be discontinued until further notice*.

As of today, the service component of all service learning courses is considered satisfied. Moving forward, students are only required to complete the academic requirements of the course. Due to this change, all service learning faculty are encouraged to add an additional assignment for enrolled students. A suggestion for this assignment is for students to reflect on the current pandemic experience and how it might affect the group of people they worked with in their service learning site differently than it does the general public.

This altered format definitely poses a number of challenges for service learning classes and we appreciate your patience and creativity as we try our best to keep this a rich and fulfilling experience for the students. The Saffrin Center is available to offer any support you may need.

The Saffrin Center will collect and share student evaluations, assessments, and time sheets in a timely fashion. We will continue to keep you informed of any and all changes. We truly appreciate your partnership and commitment to service learning. Please feel free to reach out to me directly if you have any questions or concerns.

With gratitude,

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