Hello Everyone,

Today university leadership released updates regarding the fall semester collectively known as “Emory Forward.” While there are many details to work out and questions to answer, I can tell you the School of Nursing will host select, in-person classes and activities starting in August.

Didactic instruction will continue in a remote environment with classes (depending on program) occurring on Labor Day and continuing without break until Nov. 24, 2020. Exams will be administered online after Thanksgiving.

Program leaders will reach out to individual cohorts with more details.

Clinical instruction, simulation, and some research will be performed at the school and its partner locations under strict physical distancing and disinfecting guidelines including wearing of masks, and maintaining proper distance between people. Buildings will be cleaned more often. Random temperature checks will occur.

The School of Nursing will follow the university’s continued guidance where possible but with a few differences due to our relationship with the health care community and requirements for graduation and licensure. Leadership is committed to offer as many options as possible to keep us comfortable and safe while still meeting necessary conditions and maintaining standards of health and safety.

On-time graduation for students is a priority.

I’d like to draw your attention to a few things as we embark on this journey together.

We will continue to focus on relationships. Members of the community have been very creative in bringing us together through technology. I’ve challenged many to find more ways to engage each other in and out of the classroom.

You will receive many emails over the coming days and weeks with updates, key dates, instructions, and policies. I recognize we receive countless messages each day, but please pay close attention to your inbox. It is the best way to make sure we quickly reach as many people as possible. To start, look for a survey link sent by the university. It is critical you participate and provide answers. Data from the survey will be used to make decisions and help planning.

I’m sure you have questions. Several resources are already available and will be monitored and updated. The university created the Emory Forward site to share information and answers to high-level questions. A page with nursing-specific information is also live. Please help us by submitting any questions you may have via this form.
Thank you all for doing what we needed to do over the past few months. Fall 2020 at Emory will look very different, but expectations remain the same. You chose to associate yourself with one of the best nursing schools in the nation. With open dialogue, patience, and flexibility we will stay true to our mission of educating nurse leaders, generating breakthrough research, and changing nursing, health, and care.

Sincerely,
Dean McCauley