

Dear colleagues,

The [UWEX COVID-19 RESOURCE WEBSITE](#) went live today. Here is the url:

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As mentioned in yesterday's announcement, this website provides pathways, templates, shortcuts, and other tools so faculty and instructors can quickly design and be prepared to migrate, adapt, and otherwise move their courses online. This website works hand-in-hand with System Admin's hardware/software technical support and campus's hands-on support of their own instructors.

The [UWEX COVID-19 Resource Website](#) contains the following resources:

- Information on how to leverage existing materials and/or quickly create new online materials, including video (information on accessibility included)
- A downloadable Canvas template that contains prepopulated builds to assist with the quick creation of fundamentals for a course (e.g. discussions, resources, assignments/assessments, etc.)
- Assistance on crafting a message to students to inform them of what will happen to a given course as it transitions to online delivery (when it will be ready and what to expect)
- Resources and tips to successfully teach online (e.g. how to communicate with and engage students, etc.)
- Links to COVID-19 information provided by UW System

Two live-stream sessions will be provided on the following dates to walk through these resources and to answer questions. A third follow-up session on March 31 from 12:30-1:30pm will be held for folks who may have additional questions. Here are the dates and links to join:

- March 19 from 10:30-11:30am: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/b770748685ba46f3b01b40569c05e641>
- March 23 from 12:30-1:30pm: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/b9482739a1124ceb97bc996c1f133ca7>
- March 31 from 12:30-1:30pm: <https://us.bbcollab.com/guest/42885f67f6b04e538ebcaa80e887fc25>

We will have a technical capacity of 250 at each live-stream session. All sessions will be recorded and posted to the site itself for those unable to join in person.

In addition to this new web resource, we have made adjustments to [our UWEX website](#) to make it even more straightforward for students and others to [find online courses and programs](#) that meet their needs.

President Cross will send an announcement today about the website to Chancellors, CBOs, HR Directors, and others on his communication list. Please forward this message to any other individuals, particularly instructor and instructional support people on your campuses, who you believe will benefit from this information. If you have questions about how UW Extended Campus can help your campus, please contact George Kroeninger (george.kroeninger@uwex.edu) or me (aaron.brower@uwex.edu).

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