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**From:** Jarvin, Linda  
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**To:** 0-PCA Faculty (Current); 0-PCA Staff (Paris); 0-PCA Students (Current)  
**Subject:** COVID-19 FAQ March 11th

Dear Members of the PCA Community,

In light of the questions we have received from parents and students over the past 24 hours, we have put together a brief FAQ to clarify the main points that we have received questions about:

- Is PCA closing down its campus and moving to on-line teaching?

We closely monitor the situation and in France follow the directives of the French health authorities. Currently there is no request for schools and colleges in Paris to close and we continue to offer classes on campus. If the situation were to change and PCA is requested to close, we would move to on-line teaching. The logistics for this to happen are already in place. Classes would be offered during regularly scheduled hours and students can follow them from their home, in Paris or elsewhere, until face-to-face instruction can resume. We believe that the quality of experiential learning in the studio is higher than on-line and do not preemptively want to move to exclusive on-line teaching for all PCA students.

- If PCA closes, do I have to leave Paris?

If PCA were to temporarily close and move to on-line teaching, it is each individual's decision whether to remain in Paris to complete courses on-line or to join family elsewhere. In making this decision, you should consider your own mental well-being and that of your family, housing options, and availability of health care in different locations.

- If I feel unsafe in Paris and want to leave even if the campus does not close, will I fail the semester?

We do not want to preemptively move to exclusive on-line teaching for the reasons outlined above, but if an individual student wants to leave Paris to return to their home they should contact their department chair and work out an individualized plan for finishing the semester through distance teaching. Please understand that it will take a few days to work out the details of an individualized plan, but that we will find a tailored solution to allow you to earn credit this semester.

We also welcome you to join us for an informal discussion and Q&A session in the PCA gallery during lunch break on Thursday and Friday between 1 and 2 pm, and to reach out to academic and support staff with questions.

Sincerely,

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