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5/15/20—COVID-19 UPDATE

DCED CLARIFICATION REGARDING RETURN TO CAMPUS

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

This correspondence is to inform you an update and revision of the policy sent to you on dated May 10, 2020 regarding RETURN TO CAMPUS at the Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science.

We have been updated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education—Private Licensed Schools (DOE-PLS) regarding our plan to return to campus for the Summer. Pursuant to their advisement from the PA Department of Community and Education (DCED) regarding our Waiver to continue providing services in the “life sustaining sector,” it was determined that this waiver was granted for “mortician services” and not the training of such services.

Moreover, we have been advised that remote delivery or alternative delivery of classes is the only way we may continue teaching until otherwise notified by the State of Pennsylvania.

Such advisement is in accordance with the PA State rules for operating in a county deemed to be “Yellow” whereby no in person instruction may occur—a) remote delivery or b) suspension of classes are the options.

This statement today confirms the official policy of the Institute that alternative delivery implemented on April 18, 2020 will continue to the end of this term and, at this point, the beginning of Summer for ALL PIMS CLASSES. No plans to cancel classes are being considered at this point in order to help all of you continue to make pace and progress in your various programs.

We appreciate the evolving nature of this situation, however, we also understand our role in maintaining the safety and health of our students, staff, and faculty. We shall continue to keep you updated going forward and we are planning even more upgrades to our alternative delivery services and resources available; we will advise you of such upgrades over the next few days.

Sincerely,

Barry T. Lease

Dr. Barry T. Lease -Program Director