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CEIA Members,

As we continue to monitor the spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the CEIA Board of Directors is working diligently to ensure the safety, wellbeing and continuing education of our members. Decisions to extend remote learning permanently have been made across the country, which has all of us working tirelessly and creatively to adjust to this new reality. Many of you are transitioning to working remotely while caring for loved ones.

The fluidity and uncertainty of COVID-19 requires us to retool existing programs and courses. CEIA has created a [Coronavirus: Support & Resources](#) webpage in an effort to assist members. As we all transition our work and teaching, I wanted to share tips colleagues have shared based on the changing environment we are all experiencing;

- Be kind to yourself and your students. Everyone is stressed, even if they're playing it cool.
- You will not recreate your classroom, and you cannot hold yourself to that standard.
- Moving a class to a distance learning model in a day's time excludes the possibility of excellence. Give yourself a break.
- Do not read on best practices for distance learning. That's not the situation we're in. We're in triage. Distance learning, when planned, can be excellent. That's not what this is.
- Be particularly kind to your graduating seniors and their families. There is something special about the last semester of college and the anticipation of commencement some will not get to experience.

CEIA is dedicated to continuing to provide assistance and guidance to our members during this unprecedented time we are all facing. I encourage you to participate in our COVID-19 Conversations or share your tips on our [LinkedIn](#) page.

Yours in good health,

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