



March 17, 2020

Dear Students,

First and foremost, thank you so much for your patience while we finalized our plan for the completion of your Spring courses. I know that many of you have been anxiously awaiting to hear whether the College will be able to resume in-person classes following our extended spring break. Please know that the YCCC faculty, staff, and administration have been working tirelessly to develop a plan that allows our students to stay on track for the successful completion of their Spring courses.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 outbreak is rapidly evolving, and the situation demands that we take immediate action to protect the health and safety of our community. *As such, we have made the difficult decision that YCCC will move to full remote instruction for the remainder of the Spring semester.* Paramount to this decision was the safety of our students, faculty, and staff and the importance of minimizing as much risk/threat of the COVID-19 virus in the greater community. You will hear from your instructors by the end of the day on March 19, 2020. Please check your YCCC email and Brightspace.

YCCC has taken the following actions

- Extended spring break by one week to provide time to finalize our plan
- Cancelled all College events, meetings, and celebrations
- Cancelled all non-essential College travel
- Implemented social distancing for anyone on campus to a radius of 6 feet or more
- Increased cleaning protocols to align with CDC recommendations
- Limited gatherings or meetings to 10 people or less
- Implemented COVID-19 Communications Plan
 - Established a webpage with resources for the community, the address is www.yccc.edu/covid19
 - Established an email for students that have questions, the email address is COVID19@yccc.edu
- Suspended all Concurrent High School classes and Dual Enrollment courses temporarily. More information will be provided at a later time by YCCC and our high school partners
- All Culinary Arts courses with labs will be moved online with makeup labs at a later date
- All Vet Tech courses with labs will be moved online with makeup labs (as needed) at a later date
- All other courses will be fully online
- All College committee meetings will resume utilizing Zoom
- All College buildings will be closed except for entry by essential personnel effective March 23, 2020
- All student support will be shifted online
- All faculty support will be shifted online
- All non-essential personnel will work remotely (your Department Chair will be reaching out)

As you can imagine, these decisions were not easy. We realize the impact it has on each of you, especially our seniors. We will have challenging days ahead, but I am confident that we will overcome them by working together and supporting each other. Please take care of yourself and stay safe.

Our best is ahead,

Mike

Michael Fischer
President
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