



Dear UCC Campus Community,

As many of you are aware, Gov. Kate Brown's Executive Order 20-17 regarding higher education campus operations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic officially expires on Saturday, June 13. As a reminder, UCC has been operating under the governor's executive order, which is independent from the phased-in operations you have been hearing about in Douglas County.

As explained in our continued conversations with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) and the Oregon Community College Association (OCCA), the governor is expected to issue a new executive order for higher education within the next few days. At the same time, individual campuses are engaged in planning for the gradual resumption of onsite and in-person activities at the local level, while meeting ongoing statewide health and safety standards as defined by the Oregon Health Authority (OHA).

At UCC, a reopening committee has been established to create recommendations for a phased-in resumption of campus operations. The committee includes representatives from all campus constituencies. Though the COVID-19 case count in Douglas County has remained low, the virus is in our community. Any reopening plan will require a commitment from the entire UCC community to take extra steps to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections and transmissions. ***This is a shared responsibility and every person must do their part.***

Here are some general reminders as we engage in any onsite operations resumption:

1. The health and safety of our campus community are our top priorities. With your participation, we will collectively use a variety of measures to help protect our community (social distancing, face masks, hand sanitizer stations, signage, etc.).
2. We must remain flexible. Our path to resume onsite and in-person activity will be contingent on changes in local public health conditions and any continued guidance we receive from the Governor's Office, OHA, and the Douglas County Health Officer.
3. Until there is a vaccine or reliable treatment, we will continue to use telework and remote learning as much as we can.
 - If you are working remotely, please continue to do so unless your supervisor has requested that you return to campus.
 - If you have been requested to return to work onsite during this phase, and you need to continue working remotely (i.e. children at home, care for family members, health or other reasons), work with your supervisor to find a way to continue to work from home. At this time, supervisors are encouraged to be flexible and find ways to allow employees to continue working remotely.

- If you are a student, continue to follow your instructor's lead for your coursework and reach out with any challenges you encounter.
4. Voluntary self-screening will be an important part of reopening. When you are sick, contact your instructor or supervisor and stay home.

Reopening information will continue to be shared moving forward.

Sincerely,

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