



Dear UCC Campus Community,

In our continued commitment to keep you informed regarding UCC activity involving COVID-19, here are current College updates (as of Wednesday, March 18).

NOTE: Everyone is consistently encouraged to thoroughly read this information.

Here are latest actions involving UCC:

A group of campus administrators participated in a phone conference with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) and the Oregon Community College Association (OCCA). During the call, HECC's executive director provided a preview of an upcoming executive order from Oregon Governor Kate Brown:

Consistent with the mitigation strategies recommended by CDC in regard to COVID-19, in order to slow its spread, and to protect high-risk Oregonians, the governor is expected to announce measures for significantly reducing in-person classroom, laboratory, and other instruction at Oregon colleges and universities.

Due to the work that has already taken place at UCC, the College is well ahead of this announcement by extending online academic delivery through May 1. More details on the governor's order will be shared tomorrow, Thursday, March 19, following her announcement.

The College has released new budget guidelines. Effective immediately, a hiring freeze is in effect and the ban on non-essential college-related travel has been extended through June 30, 2020. UCC employees will receive a separate notice regarding these specific changes and guidelines.

New information has been added to UCC's [Coronavirus Information](#) webpage.

- Combating discrimination and correcting misinformation
- [What Does Social Distancing Mean?](#)

The temporary space for faculty information that is housed on [MyUCC](#), the campus intranet, has been cleaned up. Faculty will need to log-in to access the information. The log-in process is the same as what we already do to access Umpqua Updates.

To recap, here is what UCC is currently doing:

- Phone conferences with HECC are scheduled for every day this week. College administrators will continue to actively participate in these calls with our higher education peers and partners.

- We will continue to provide any pertinent communication to students and employees.

What you can continue to do:

- Practice good hygiene. [Prevention measures](#) for COVID-19 are similar to those used to safeguard against the common cold and flu.
 - Avoid contact with people who are sick.
 - If you don't feel well, **stay home**. Contact your supervisor or instructor if you need to be absent from work or school.
 - Thoroughly wash your hands often with soap and water.
 - Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
 - Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue or your sleeve when coughing or sneezing.
 - Clean and disinfect shared surfaces and objects that are frequently touched.
- Make sure you are set up to receive campus alerts via AlertSense. This is a good time to make sure your contact information is up-to-date to receive emergency notifications.
 - Banner Self-Service → Personal Information → View/Update Emergency Alert Contact Information.
- Avoid unnecessary contact with others; consider waving instead of shaking hands.

The Oregon Health Authority has basic information here: www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus; links to other resources that might be helpful are also included.

Please remember to stay home if you are sick or if you need to care for a family member who is sick. Everyone has individual circumstances. You are encouraged to contact your supervisor and Human Resources regarding your individual situation.

Thank you,

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