

Dear UCC Campus Community,

In our continued commitment to keep you informed regarding UCC activity involving COVID-19, here are current College updates:

Yesterday afternoon, a group of UCC administrators participated in a statewide conference call with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) and the Oregon Health Authority. More than 50 colleges and universities that conduct business in Oregon were on the call, along with the Oregon Presidents Council (OPC). The OPC is comprised of the presidents from all 17 community colleges in the state. UCC President Thatcher is part of that group.

As a reminder, our protocol is to follow the directive of the Oregon and local health authorities. As an agency, we will not act independently to establish processes and protocols that are not established by these external agencies.

At this current time, the statewide recommendation is to not shutdown schools. There is also a recommendation to avoid international student travel. **Later today**, the HECC and Oregon Health Authority will be sending out an official statement that will cover the entire K-20 (kindergarten through university) system. We will share that information with you.

Since participating on Thursday's statewide call, UCC has learned that the NWAC Basketball Tournament was suspended after an Everett Community College student was reported to have tested positive for COVID-19. EvCC was the NWAC tournament host college.

The NWAC Executive Director sent out this statement last night:

The NWAC Basketball Championship Tournament is cancelled for the rest of this week. NWAC is working to try and reschedule the tournament for next week and is in communication with venues who may be able to host the championship tournament. As details are finalized, information will be shared via the [NWAC website](#). At this time, Everett Community College has no evidence that places the student(s) with the health issue in the Walt Price Center/Gymnasium.

The News-Review posted an article about the tournament last night. The UCC Mainstream also posted information on its Facebook page.

The women's basketball team and the UCC employees who traveled to Everett are being encouraged to continue self-monitoring for wellness, which is something all UCC employees and students should do.

Additionally, around noon today (Friday, March 6), a decision was made to cancel the baseball team's travel to Pasco, WA, on Sunday. Instead, Lane Community College has accepted UCC's invitation to play a double-header on Sunday at One Champion Field. Game times are noon and 2 p.m.

Later today, the Provost is holding a meeting to discuss a plan of action for continuing with the academic life of the college should there ever be a disruption or closure of any kind. Any updates on handling classes and program delivery will be shared once the plan is approved by Dr. Thatcher and department chairs.

**Just to recap, here is what UCC is currently doing:**

- We will continue to actively participating in any phone conferences with our higher education peers and partners.
- UCC has an [Emergency Operation Plan](#). This document is housed on myUCC, the campus' intranet site.
- We will continue to provide any pertinent communication to students and employees.
- The custodial staff is taking extra steps to disinfect high-use areas.
- Additional hand sanitizers and wipes have been distributed throughout the campus.

**What you can 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.
- Avoid unnecessary contact with others; consider waving instead of shaking hands.

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

Please feel free to contact the Office of Human Resources if you have any questions.

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