

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 Tuesday, March 10).

The information presented by public health experts at the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) and education officials with the Oregon Department of Education and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) on Sunday, March 8, still stands:

At this time, **the guidance recommends against closing schools and campuses where no cases of COVID-19 are present.** It also recommends that schools, colleges and universities consider all alternatives before closing a school, college or university in the event that a COVID-19 case is detected among students or staff. The guidance identifies important strategies educational administrators can use to reduce the risk of COVID-19 within a school community and protect students from lost instructional time.

As a reminder, our protocol is to follow 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.

Note: In the event that public health experts determine a person with COVID-19 had been on campus, UCC leadership would be notified by either the Douglas Public Health Network or the Oregon Health Authority.

Campus actions:

The newly-enacted Academic Continuity Plan Task Force (ACTF) met Monday morning to develop a plan for continuing the academic programs, courses, and related student services should there ever be a college closure of any kind.

Danielle Haskett is the ACTF chair. Tomorrow (Wednesday, March 11), the Task Force will release an instruction plan for faculty to use during an emergency. The message to all full-time and part-time faculty will be communicated by John Blackwood, the Faculty Association President and UCCOnline Coordinator.

As of Tuesday, March 10, the student trip to Indonesia is still a go. Travel risks in the region are currently being monitored. A final decision will be made no later than 9 a.m. next Monday, March 16.

UCC's Office of Communications and Marketing has created a webpage with basic COVID-19 information. Resource links and campus actions are available on the site: [Coronavirus Information](#).

Effective Monday, March 9, custodial services were increased on campus with the addition of a day-shift person to provide additional disinfecting throughout the day.

NWAC Tournament Update:

The 2020 Men's & Women's Basketball Championship Tournament has been rescheduled and moved to Oregon. The games will take place as follows:

- Men's Basketball Tournament at Clackamas Community College, March 12-15, 2020.
- Women's Basketball Tournament (Rounds I & II) at Linn Benton Community College, March 12-13, 2020.
- Women's & Men's (Semi-Finals & Finals) Basketball Tournament at Clackamas Community College, March 14-15, 2020.
- Updated brackets and tournament information is located on the [Championship webpage](#).

To recap, here is what UCC is currently doing:

- We will continue to actively participate 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 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.
- 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 feel free to contact the Office of Human Resources if you have any questions.

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