

March 11, 2020

Dear Students, Faculty, and Staff,

Earlier today, as a preventative measure the Governor directed all SUNY and CUNY campuses to immediately develop plans to transition courses wherever possible to remote instruction including distance learning and online in response to COVID-19.

As we have shared, this is something our Executive and Incident Command Teams (ICT & ECT) have been working on and the planning will continue. The ICT and ECT will be meeting tomorrow morning and separately the President's Cabinet, Union Leadership, Chair of the Academic Senate, and Chair of Chairs will meet tomorrow to continue to construct our learning continuity plans moving forward.

As the Governor stated in his press conference this afternoon, the goal is to have a plan in place by Thursday, March 19th, to transition to distance learning where practical and appropriate with the goals of maintaining academic integrity and reducing campus density to maintain the safety of our NCC community. We are working very closely with SUNY officials as we fine tune our transition plan in an effort to accommodate this date.

To reiterate and reassure, please know that there will continue to be regular updates to the NCC community as we learn more from County, State, and SUNY officials on this guidance and as we finalize elements of our educational continuity plan. We will also continue to work with leadership and union entities at the College as decisions are made.

As of now, we are extending the suspension of face to face classes through the weekend – Sunday, March 15th. As indicated earlier staff have been asked to work remotely for the remainder of the week. Supervisors will be in contact regarding specific expectations.

All buildings on campus will continue to be thoroughly cleaned following the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines and utilizing a disinfectant registered by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

We appreciate your understanding and patience as the situation develops minute by minute. Please continue to check your email regularly for updates as this is an ever-evolving situation.

Regards,

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