
From: Dr. Marcia Conston
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To: Dr. Marcia Conston
Subject: Coronavirus Update: March 10, 2020

Dear TCC Family –

I write to assure you that the President’s Cabinet (PC) continues to closely monitor the spread of COVID-19. We are following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Virginia Department of Health (VDH), and the Virginia Community College System (VCCS) to ensure that we take expedient and appropriate actions as necessary.

In preparation for any potential interruptions in College operations, PC reviewed policies and procedures relative to academic and employee responses, along with our communication plan. Additionally, the College’s Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan is being updated. At this time, there has been no change in any TCC operational, academic or extracurricular schedules.

The College’s academic and student services leadership is meeting to develop a contingency plan in compliance with appropriate policies, and to address any issues not covered by current policies. The U.S. Department of Education and SACSCOC have provided colleges with additional latitude in moving classes online. We recognize that there are instances in which online learning is not appropriate, i.e. clinicals and hands-on class activities. The College’s academic leadership will work to identify alternate processes to teach outside a face-to-face environment. Please note that any changes to our academic processes will be communicated promptly through appropriate channels.

As the coronavirus landscape evolves, [our dedicated webpage](#) will be continuously updated. If our operating schedule is disrupted, emergency communication protocols will be activated, including TCC Alerts, Informacast, TCC.edu, and social media.

As you are aware, international, national, and local decisions regarding the virus are constantly changing. I assure you that we will continue to keep you informed as we learn more. In the meanwhile, follow these [best practices](#) to help keep virus from spreading.

The health and well-being of our students, faculty, and staff is our topmost priority. In preparation for students returning from Spring Break, I will send a correspondence toward the end of the week reminding them to maintain healthy practices, along with any additional information they may need.

Sincerely,

Dr. Marcia Conston
President
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