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Good Afternoon,

With concern about the COVID-19 virus growing throughout Oregon, we want to update you on the actions Clackamas Community College has taken so far to respond to concerns and to let you know there are no cases of coronavirus connected with members of the college community that we know of at this time.

On March 8, the [Oregon Health Authority](#) released a response for schools, recommending against schools and campuses closing where there are no cases of COVID-19 and to consider all other alternatives before closing if a COVID-19 case is detected among students, staff or faculty.

Taking this under advisement, we anticipate continuing to offer courses on campus, in a face-to-face format. We appreciate the challenge that comes from balancing student health and providing high-quality education.

We are urging instructors to be flexible in attendance policies and to consider accommodating reasonable concerns brought by students, especially those who are sick and/or are considered high risk. We are also working to prepare for the possibility of moving more classes to online formats. For those who may need to self-quarantine, please work with your instructor(s) about learning from home or other alternatives.

In addition, campus services are continually scaling up their cleaning, using EPA-approved products that are effective against COVID-19. Several times a day, staff are wiping touch points (door knobs, light switches, etc.) with these disinfectants to reduce the chance of contaminate spread.

We are actively in contact with local health departments and are following the guidance of the [Oregon Health Authority](#) and [Clackamas County Public Health Department](#).

If you do develop symptoms or feel sick:

- Stay home.
- Seek medical advice. Call your medical care facility before visiting to check if they have facility-specific precautions in place to protect other patients and employees.

*Remember, COVID-19 doesn't discriminate. It doesn't recognize race, nationality or ethnicity and neither should you. Stigmatizing specific groups doesn't stop the spread of COVID-19.*

To keep the college community informed, we have developed this webpage ([www.clackamas.edu/coronavirus](http://www.clackamas.edu/coronavirus)), which we will keep updated as more information comes or as the situation changes.

Thank you for doing your part to keep the CCC community healthy!