



Dear UCC Campus Community,

In our continued commitment to keep you informed regarding UCC activity involving COVID-19, here are new College updates (as of Friday, Dec. 4, 2020).

What's new?

- Due to the rising number of positive COVID-19 cases throughout the state, and to maintain positive student and employee health, **classes will continue to be delivered remotely or online through Spring term.**

We were hopeful restrictions would ease over time, but that has not been the case. Oregon's recent two-week "freeze" ended on Wednesday, Dec. 2. A new county-by-county risk assessment went in to effect on Thursday, Dec. 3. The risk category is determined by the number of COVID-19 cases per capita and the positivity rate. Douglas County is currently classified as "Extreme Risk" for COVID-19.

- On a positive note, progress is being made globally in the production of Coronavirus vaccines.

What will continue:

- The campus remains closed to the public.
- Higher education is still operating under the governor's executive order to work and learn remotely as much as possible.
 - Most of the College's services are being delivered remotely.
 - All classes and services that can be delivered online must be delivered online.
 - A minimal number of hands-on labs for career and technical programs, along with workforce development courses, are being conducted face-to-face following strict safety protocols.
- The campus is following Oregon Health Authority health and safety guidelines.
- Calls with our state peers and the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) continue to take place weekly.

Face coverings on campus:

- As a reminder, when on campus and moving about, the usage of face coverings is now mandatory while inside and outside on the UCC campus. The College is abiding by the guidance issued by the Oregon Health Authority that went into effect on Nov. 18, 2020: [OHA Statewide Face Covering Guidance](#).
- Face coverings are required in "common or shared space," which includes areas where individuals may interact such as a restroom, breakroom, hallway, elevator, lobby, classroom, large room with cubicles, meeting rooms, conference rooms, and any area

open to the public. Outdoors is considered a common space on campus. This means face coverings are also required when you are in outside spaces (parking lots, walkways, patios, and grounds).

- Campus security personnel are monitoring the campus to ensure compliance with [OSHA COVID-19](#) requirements.
- There is signage throughout campus that promotes physical distancing and face covering usage.
- A form has been created specifically for [COVID-19 concerns](#). Students and employees may use this form to report any COVID-19 complaints or concerns to the College.

Resources:

- The [Keep Learning](#) webpage, which was developed earlier this year as a resource for students, is continually being updated to provide important information. Bookmarking this page is highly recommended.
- The [Coronavirus Information](#) page on the UCC website continues to be the official source of College information. If you ever have a question about something you may hear in the community or from other people, please continue to check the site for accurate information.
- The COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions have been challenging for everyone. It is normal to experience stress and anxiety. If you are struggling and need mental health resources, students are encouraged to reach out to [UCC's Life Coach](#). UCC employees are encouraged to reach out to [EAP](#) for assistance with connection to professional support (866-750-1327). **Emergency assistance is also available 24/7** via Compass Behavioral Health 24-hour crisis line at 800-866-9780 or the National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1-800-273-8255 or text HOME to 741-741 to connect with counselors at the Crisis Text Line.

Please continue to do your part: Stay healthy, physical distance, wear a face covering, and continue to do self-wellness checks. If you are sick, stay home.

Stay well,

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