



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 Friday, March 13).

**UCC is moving forward with operations as usual. Based on current information, the spring term will start on Monday, March 30, as scheduled, with academic delivery being online.**

Earlier today, campus administrators participated in a phone conference with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC). During the call, HECC's executive director shared the conversation he had with Oregon Governor Kate Brown regarding her order to close the K-12 schools from Monday, March 16, through Tuesday, March 31. Here are the highlights:

- Closing the K-12 system was an operational decision designed to deal with the immediate challenges they had related to the workforce (teachers and staff absences, substitutes not available, and challenged with trying to figure out how to operate).
- Framed in the governor's mind, it was not a public health measure, but a measure required to support the schools to help return to normal operations in April.
- The governor's belief is that students should be in school and they need clean environments.
- The governor and the state are not dictating individual operational plans for colleges and universities.
- The guidance is to continue to provide continuity for students and move as much instruction as possible online.
- Following the guidelines for social distancing is strongly advised.

**Here are current actions involving UCC:**

- A link to COVID-19 information and campus-related updates is now live on the main page of the [UCC website](#). At the bottom of the [Coronavirus Information](#) webpage, there are multiple buttons for sharing (social media, email, and printing). Please feel free to share this information.
- The UCC Concert Band performance for Monday, March 16: cancelled for now.
- Welding Workshop on March 19: postponed.
- All spring sports will be postponed until April 13. Then, play may only occur regionally. An announcement will be forthcoming from NWAC.
- Maple Corner Montessori School in the Ford Family Center has chosen to stay open.
- The UCC Scholarship deadline has been extended to Friday, April 10.

## Next week:

- Finals will take place on campus as scheduled.
- Face-to-Face trainings are being offered for students who need help navigating Canvas.
- A plan is being crafted to continue Accessibility services for students' move to an online learning environment.
- The Information Desk will continue to operate via students (Peer Mentors and ASUCC). They will continue to restock food for the pantry as long as needed.
- As a reminder, our campus will continue to be open and employees will not be working remotely.
  - We do want to recognize that Governor Brown's decision to close the K-12 schools will impact some students and employees. If you are affected by the governor's decision in regard to child care, talk to your supervisor. There may be an option for you to take sick time.
  - If you or someone you care for in your home is sick and/or at high risk according to the CDC guidelines (elderly or certain chronic medical conditions; see [People at Risk for Serious Illness from COVID-19](#)), follow UCC's processes for taking sick leave.

## To recap, here is what UCC is currently doing:

- Phone conferences with HECC are scheduled for every day next week. College administrators will continue to actively participate in these calls with our higher education peers and partners.
- We will continue to provide any pertinent communication to students and employees.

## 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.
  - Banner Self-Service → Personal Information → View/Update Emergency Alert Contact Information.
- Avoid unnecessary contact with others; consider waving instead of shaking hands.

The Oregon Health Authority has basic information here: [www.healthoregon.org/coronavirus](http://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.

We are learning new information every day. Continue to stay tuned for any changes and announcements.

Thank you,

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