



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 Tuesday, March 17).

**NOTE:** Everyone is encouraged to thoroughly read this information. Please keep in mind that this communications piece represents all areas of our campus. It may be sent from one person's email address, but it contains a collective voice from all areas of operations, and it follows extensive, collaborative meetings that occur daily all over the UCC campus.

**Here are latest actions involving UCC:**

During a special meeting this morning, the Board of Education approved an emergency authorization for the College to take any and all necessary actions to prepare and respond effectively to COVID-19. Details of the authorization are included in the [meeting's agenda](#).

A group of campus administrators participated in a phone conference with the Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) and the Oregon Community College Association (OCCA). During the call, HECC's executive director said he continues to work with the governor on guidance for post-secondary schools.

The Northwest Athletic Conference (NWAC) has [cancelled all spring sports](#) effective immediately. The NWAC will continue to work on the eligibility concerns that arise from this situation so that student-athletes can make informed decisions regarding their future. No spring sport student-athlete who was enrolled full-time in 2020 will be charged a season of competition in the NWAC.

A decision has been made to start Spring term classes on Monday, April 6. Pushing back the start date will give faculty the time needed to ensure that they, and students, are set-up and ready to go, and can be successful with online courses when the Spring term starts.

- Additionally, as a proactive measure, classes will be conducted online through May 1.
- Faculty is being prepared now to deliver courses online through Spring term should that become necessary.

A link to faculty-specific information has been added to UCC's [Coronavirus Information](#) webpage. This information will be housed on [MyUCC](#), the campus intranet. Faculty will need to log-in to access the information. The log-in process is the same as what we already do to access Umpqua Updates.

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

- Phone conferences with HECC are scheduled for every day this 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 remember to stay home if you are sick or if you need to care for a family member who is sick. Everyone has individual circumstances. You are encouraged to contact your supervisor and Human Resources regarding your individual situation.

Thank you,

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