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College of the Sequoias Remains Open, Moves Instruction to Alternate Formats

In light of recent developments surrounding COVID-19, effective immediately, the College of the Sequoias is temporarily moving most of its face-to-face classes to alternate formats (online, email, Zoom, etc) until at least the Monday after Spring Break, April 13, 2020. While the District remains in Scenario I status as defined by the CDC, the District nevertheless believes the prudent action at this time is to limit the congregation of large groups of people in one area. This action has been encouraged by Governor Newsom in this morning's communication found [here](#) and by our State Chancellor's Office. I want to emphasize that all three campuses remain open for normal business. The District's goal is to continue instruction while limiting the number of people on each campus.

Student Services offices, the Library/Learning Resource Center, and computer labs will remain open to support students who do not have access to computers and/or WiFi at home. For those classes that already utilize Canvas, students should log in to their portal for faculty communication and assignments. For those classes that do not utilize Canvas, instructors will be emailing their students with information. Student Services will also be working to move as many services as possible to an alternate format.

There will be select classes (labs, clinicals, small groups) that may proceed with face-to-face sessions for at least a portion of their normal meeting times. Instructors who wish to do this are advised to work with their Dean to develop the proper course of action and then email their students with details of these meeting times. It is understood that in many cases, this transition to alternate modes of instruction will not be immediate and may take at least the next week or so.

District Travel

The District is suspending all student travel at this time. Non-essential staff travel is also suspended through April 13 and will be reassessed at that time.

Large Gatherings

In accordance with the Governor's mandate, all gatherings in excess of 250 people or smaller groups where social distancing of at least six feet cannot be accomplished are being suspended or cancelled through at least April 13.

Guidance for Faculty and Staff

The District has developed guidance for Instructional Continuity found [here](#). Please work with your Dean and faculty leaders for developing alternate methods of instruction.

Dual Enrollment

Because K12 education is compulsory, these classes will continue as normal until otherwise notified. Some K12 districts, however, may elect to go to an alternate format. The District's Dual Enrollment Director will be in contact with K12 districts and those instructors.

Please continue to monitor District email, the District website, and District social media for further developments and information.

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