

Campus update – May 3, 2020

Extension of 'Stay at Home' Order - some classes to resume on campus Tuesday, May 5, 2020

Dear Campus Community,

On Friday afternoon, Governor Inslee extended the 'Stay at Home' order through May 31 with a [phased approach to gradually reopen businesses and ease social distancing requirements](#).

Previously, healthcare training programs were designated as exceptions to the order. Late Friday night, we received word that a few other professional/technical programs have also been given the green light to resume. What this means for LCC: beginning on **Tuesday, May 5, Medical Assisting, Nursing, Machining and Welding** students will resume campus-based instructional activity under [strict health and safety protocols](#). **Students should check Canvas for further communication and instructions specific to each program.**

Other limited course activities in the professional/technical area have also been approved and will start later in the quarter (please watch for communication from your instructor/s regarding other exceptions to the order).

If you are NOT in Medical Assisting, Nursing, Machining or Welding, your classes will remain online and you should not come to campus (again, students in other professional/technical courses that are allowed to resume will be contacted directly by their instructor/s).

Here are some additional things you should know about what will happen on campus beginning May 5:

- Security staff will be located at the entry to HSB and VOC to ensure that only currently enrolled students in exempted classes are allowed to enter (**please be prepared to show picture ID**). Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) will be provided at the door. Please note: PPE will only be provided once to each student, and it will be up to the student to bring it in each day or be barred from entry.
- Students must complete assigned COVID-19 training in order to attend classes on campus. Instructors will assign the training through CANVAS for affected classes.
- The state is requiring daily health screenings. Students will be required to take their temperatures daily before reporting to class, and it is strongly recommended that this

be done at home. This will occur on campus ONLY if students are unable to do it at home.

- We are required to take daily attendance in each campus-based class to provide to the health department should an outbreak occur.
- Students who do not follow appropriate social distancing or wear PPE as required will be asked to leave.
- Each class location will be monitored by a COVID-19 supervisor responsible for ensuring compliance.

We had hoped to reopen the Library/Learning Commons on May 5 for limited use, but we do not have approval to do so. The Library/Learning Commons will remain closed at least until the end of May.

Employees, as noted in my May 1 email, all approved **teleworking agreements will automatically be extended** through the end of May.

This continues to be an incredibly challenging time. We are heartened by the data, which shows that Washington's restrictions are resulting in a large reduction in the number of COVID-19 cases. Please refer to the following resources if you need help, or would like more information:

- [Phase 1: Instructional Safety Plan for Students](#)
- [COVID-19 Resources for Students](#)
- [Campus Safety Measures](#)
- [Main COVID-19 page](#)

Please stay safe, and be well.

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