

June 1, 2020 Update

LCC Faculty and Staff--

Governor Inslee's "Stay Home – Stay Healthy" order expired yesterday, and was replaced by a new order called "[Safe Start – Stay Healthy](#)." The new order includes some variation by county, with a phased approach to reopening businesses.

With the new order, Washington is still in a state of emergency. The Governor continues to require people to engage in personal protective behaviors, including:

- practice physical distancing, staying at least six feet away from other people;
- wear cloth face coverings in public places when not eating or drinking;
- stay home if sick;
- avoid others who are sick;
- wash hands frequently; cover coughs and sneezes;
- avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands; and
- disinfect surfaces and objects regularly.

What does this mean for the LCC workforce? Not much is changing right now. Employees who are able to should continue to telework. All current telework agreements are automatically extended through the end of June. We are working on a plan for offering limited student services in the Admissions Center, so please watch for communication from your supervisor or Vice President about that.

For summer quarter, most classes will continue to be online. The labs that started meeting in-person in early May (including but not limited to Machining, Medical Assisting, Nursing, and Welding) will continue to do so. In later phases of reopening, we may be able to bring back a few more labs, but any additions in summer quarter will be on an extremely limited basis.

I am grateful to each and every one of you for continuing to uphold our mission to serve students, in spite of the extreme circumstances. The situation is incredibly challenging, and I am very proud of what we've been able to accomplish. There is more work to be done, however, and we need to pull together to ensure that our students are enrolling for summer and fall quarters. We knew spring quarter was going to be a challenge, and it looks like we will finish 14-15% down. Right now summer enrollment is about 40% behind where we were at this time last year. This does not bode well for an already challenged financial situation. I encourage you to share your enrollment ideas with your supervisor, Vice President or me.

Stay tuned for an update about our virtual commencement ceremony (happening on June 19) later this week.

Thank you for all that you do.

Sincerely,

Chris Bailey, President