Dear Faculty and Staff,

As you are likely aware, Governor Inslee recently announced a new set of restrictions to combat the rapidly escalating number of COVID-19 cases in Washington. At this time, our understanding is that higher education instruction is exempt from the new restrictions. We believe we can continue to follow the health and safety guidelines we’ve been using since June.

There may be elements of the new restrictions that impact non-instructional activities on campus, and we are awaiting clarification from the state board on that. Because we have not reopened many parts of campus such as the cafeteria, any additional impact on LCC is likely to be minimal.

Due to the ongoing nature of the pandemic, spring quarter is going to look a lot like fall and winter - mostly online, with some on-campus and hybrid offerings following approved safety protocols.

It’s been 35 weeks - over eight months - since the initial "Stay Home, Stay Healthy" order was issued. During that time, I have been blown away by the amazing effort expended by LCC faculty and staff. You have continued to educate and serve students in the face of incredible adversity. Your commitment is extraordinary, and much appreciated.

With sincere thanks,

Chris Bailey, President