

Suffolk County Community College

College Brief

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TO: The College Community

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 Interim President

SUBJECT: College's Response to Governor Cuomo's
 Announcement Regarding Remote Instruction

COMMUNICATION #2 STUDENT AFFAIRS

As shared with you yesterday, I am issuing a series of communications to the college community with information related to decisions being made regarding College operations during the Coronavirus outbreak. Yesterday you were provided with details related to technology support. Today, I am updating you on Student Affairs and special events.

It is important for all to understand, that this situation is fluid and as additional information becomes available, it will be necessary to modify our plans to accommodate changing circumstances. Therefore you should keep checking our website and your email for updates.

Please be aware that the College remains fully operational and open for business, inclusive of continued operation of its administrative and student support offices.

We do anticipate that the remote learning delivery model of instruction may last throughout the remainder of the spring semester. As a result, our planning is taking that consideration into account.

I will continue to provide updated information as it becomes available. In addition, a team of students under the direction of Dr. Christopher J. Adams, Vice President for Student Affairs, has created Student Affairs social media accounts for more updates and student life posts. These may be found here:

Instagram @sccc_student affairs

https://instagram.com/sccc_studentaffairs?igshid=125hnsbtk7dvd

Facebook

www.facebook.com/scccstudentaffairs/

Campus Activities

All College events and activities that anticipate participation by 50 individuals or more, are officially postponed – no exceptions. Our plan is to provide rescheduling information as soon as it becomes available.

At this time, **postponed activities include, but are not limited to:**

- Open House – April 19, 2020
- Take Back the Night – April 24, 2020
- Commencement – May 21, 2020 (we are waiting to receive additional input from the SUNY Chancellor)
- Transfer Fairs
- End-of-the-year student recognition events such as Pinning Ceremonies, Honor Society inductions, the Honors Convocation and ESL graduation

Student organizations, such as SGA, can continue to meet.

All off-campus and overnight travel by students is suspended at this time including NJCAA athletic competitions.

On-campus intramurals are also not being offered at the present time.

Commencement

Remote instruction will not have an impact on student ability to graduate in May. Students will use our online Blackboard modality and other remote instruction to complete their course requirements.

Student Support

- Priority Registration will still take place and begins on April 6th. To facilitate online registration during this health emergency, holds for developmental students and students on academic probation will be lifted temporarily. Students are still encouraged to speak with their advisor or counselor regarding course selection. The College is working on delivery of remote advising services. Guidance and protocols regarding remote advising and counseling will be sent out next week. ****Please see the Mental Health section of this memo for information on the availability of student mental health services.**

- Libraries, food pantries, academic skills and learning centers, bookstores, child care centers, health and wellness centers, health clubs, pools, weight rooms all remain open.
- Students who lack either a computer or Internet access will be able to use computers on campus. College computer labs and Learning Resource Centers will remain open. Students will be using these facilities under circumstances that do not put them into close contact with others. **The enhanced sanitation protocols that have already been put into place college-wide will be further intensified in those areas.**

College Theatres

Student theatre performances are permitted to run, but without an audience. Check schedules, as some performances may be postponed.

The Lively Arts Program at the Michael J. Grant Campus has been postponed.

Dining Services

Main dining areas will remain open; however, we are considering reduced hours of operation. Check the Aramark or Peconic Café website for modifications to hours of operation.

Disability Services

The College is exploring the many concerns related to Disability Services. More information on this topic will be forthcoming next week.

Financial Aid/Work Study

All Federal Work Study positions will continue as is, at this time.

All on-campus and most off-campus internships continue to be in place and operational. Professors will reach out to impacted students and notify them of any cancellations. Accommodations will be made to ensure course completion.

The Directors of Financial Aid are working to minimize any impact of remote instruction on student financial aid. For assistance, please contact your campus Financial Aid Office.

Mental Health Services

During this unprecedented and difficult time for everyone, the College's Mental Health Services program will continue to provide services to students with psychological needs. All faculty, administrators and staff are encouraged to contact our mental health team members on each campus to request assistance for students in distress. The clinical staff who are available to meet with students include:

- **Michael J. Grant Campus:** Hypatia Martinez (LCSW, 631-851-6872)
- **Ammerman Campus:** Sarah Boles (LCSW, 631-451-4530), Evan Haun (LMHC, 631-451-4060), and Dr. Julia Kiely (Psychologist, 631-451-4069)
- **Eastern Campus:** Maggie Marcincuk (LCSW, 631-548-2650)