



MEMORANDUM

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

Dear DCC family,

As the COVID-19 situation evolves and expands, I want you to know Danville Community College will continue to operate out of an abundance of caution as we follow the latest guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) regarding social distancing. In addition, we will follow all mandates issued by the federal government, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the Chancellor of the Virginia Community College System.

At 10:00 am today, Chancellor Glenn DuBois of the Virginia Community College System has announced that, as a matter of public safety and keeping with the CDC guidelines of minimizing group gatherings over the next eight weeks, all 23 colleges in the system must not hold commencement ceremonies for graduation this May. Therefore, Danville Community College will postpone our May graduation commencement ceremony until a date to be announced in the month of December. This includes special pinning ceremonies as well. This is a difficult step to take, but a necessary one for us to help flatten the curve of this outbreak.

We love our students, their friends and families, and believe in providing a safe, memorable experience to commemorate students' accomplishments and graduation. By postponing the graduation ceremony until December, we are not delaying the conferring of any earned degrees. Therefore, students who successfully complete a program of study at DCC in the spring will be awarded the degree, diploma, or certificate.

We have previously announced the following information:

- Spring Break for students will be extended through Friday, March 20, 2020.
- All classes will resume through alternative delivery methods starting on Monday, March 23, 2020, and will continue using alternative delivery methods until *at least* Friday April 3rd.
- Students should check Canvas or contact their professors for class information. Students are expected to check their DCC e-mail accounts regularly during this period for updates.
- All faculty and staff are expected to report to work, as usual until further notice.
- All DCC sponsored events are cancelled through Friday, April 3, 2020.
- College services at all locations will remain open (Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm), including Enrollment Services, Financial Aid, Cashier's Office, Academic Advising, Counseling, Veteran Services, Library Services, Bookstore, and the Learning Resources Center.
- Food Pantry support will also be available.
- College Services are also available online at MyDCC and Navigate.
- The Libraries and computer labs will be open for students who require computer and internet access.
- We have instituted travel restrictions per VCCS and Governor Northam.

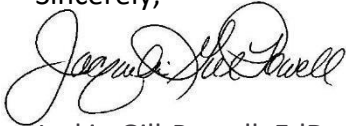
Currently, there are no known cases of COVID-19 in our service region, consisting of the City of Danville, Pittsylvania County, and Halifax County. However, as of the writing of this memorandum there are [67 known cases in Virginia](#) and 33 reported cases throughout North Carolina. In addition, [49 states and the District of Columbia](#) had reported cases of COVID-19 according to data provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Each of us can minimize the impact of COVID-19, or any other respiratory virus, to our campus and community by mindfully following the [CDC's recommendations for preventative actions](#).

This situation remains extremely fluid, and will change rapidly. College administration is actively monitoring conditions for further developments and will continue to respond accordingly. As we continue to monitor reports and update you on any further strategies that may need to be implemented, please know that all updates by Danville Community College can be found at www.danville.edu/coronavirus.

I will continue to communicate regularly with you about what DCC is doing in preparation, planning and response to the spread of the virus.

We value your safety and health. If you have any questions, contact healthinfo@danville.edu.

Sincerely,



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President

