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## **CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESPONSE UPDATE**

Email to faculty and staff – March 23, 2020 at 7:59 p.m. PT

DATE: March 23, 2020

TO: Citrus College Colleagues

FROM: Geraldine M. Perri, Superintendent/President

RE: COVID-19 Update

First and foremost, I hope this memo finds you and your families well as we all try to remain calm in light of the ever-changing news and conditions which we are currently facing worldwide and within our state and local area. **To date, there are no known cases of COVID-19 related to Citrus College and we are all grateful for this status.**

The members of the board of trustees and I extend our thanks to each and every member of the Citrus College community for your assistance during these challenging times as we continue providing our students with an educational program and support services. We especially want to thank our CCFA, CSEA, academic senate, adjunct federation, management association, supervisory/confidential team, associated students, Citrus College Foundation, student health center and the Citrus College Coronavirus Workgroup for their collaboration, availability and flexibility during these trying times.

As a means of recap, as of March 18, 2020, Citrus College transitioned classes and student support services to a remote/online environment. Wow! In a very brief period of time, our faculty and staff worked to keep our students engaged in their studies in spite of this world crisis. What a laudable feat!! You are to be commended! While we all acknowledge that these new remote/online instructional and student support services are not without challenge, we must keep in mind the broader intention of our efforts - the continued education of our students. We also know that what we are doing, although not our normal means of instruction and support services, is serving to provide many students with a sense of connection, community, focus, and hope in these times of uncertainty. A big shout out to our fine students for their patience during this period of transition.

The college campus is currently closed with employees working remotely. Many of us quickly became adept at the latest remote technologies including "Zoom." My gratitude goes to our classified staff, supervisors, confidential staff and managers who have been able to quickly roll up their sleeves and keep the major organizational and administrative functions of the college up and running - great job!!!

The Cabinet and I are meeting daily through Zoom to review the latest updates from the governor, the State Chancellor's Office, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health and any other pertinent information to the operation of the college. We are working diligently to address any issues brought to our attention with the aim to improve upon the level of service and operations of the college during this time. The requests have been many, but we are working our way through them. I ask for your patience and understanding as we try to ensure that the direction and decisions we make are for the greater good of all.

As of now, the college is still scheduled to reopen on Monday, April 6, 2020, for face-to-face classes and for employees. Given the latest order from the governor, the cabinet and I continue to assess the feasibility of this timeline in consultation with our college leadership groups. As soon as any update to this plan is made you will be informed immediately.

I also want to share with you the college's COVID-19 webpage, as it contains useful information and updates regarding our status: [www.citruscollege.edu/covid19](http://www.citruscollege.edu/covid19). In addition, here is a short list of credible sources for information and assistance:

- State of California COVID-19 website: <https://covid19.ca.gov/>
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>
- Los Angeles County: <https://covid19.lacounty.gov/> and <https://corona-virus.la/>
- Los Angeles County Department of Health: <http://publichealth.lacounty.gov/>
- State Chancellor's Office: <https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Communications-and-Marketing/Novel-Coronavirus>

Once again, I hope this email finds you well and I extend my heartfelt thanks for all you are doing to keep Citrus College operational and serving our students. I am sure we will all emerge from this difficult period in our lives much stronger, wiser, and truly more grateful for all that we have.