

Dear CCM Community,

As you have likely already heard, Governor Murphy has mandated the closing of K-12, higher educational institutions, various businesses, etc. beginning on March 18, 2020. The Secretary of Higher Education will provide further details of this Executive Order at 2:00 p.m. and we will share those with you later today. Rest assured CCM has been in contact with the Secretary of Higher Education all weekend via the New Jersey Council of County Colleges. College administrators have been working continuously over the past two weeks to establish working plans to deal with a variety of scenarios in this very fluid situation. Please continue to monitor your CCM email and the college's webpage for updates on how our college will move forward for an undetermined length of time. We will continue to confer with faculty, staff, Trustees, elected officials and health care officials before making final decisions. Because the situation continues to evolve, please realize that our plans may also need to evolve.

Meanwhile, I ask for your continued patience and support. I am incredibly impressed and appreciative of how our entire college community is working together to support one another, our students, and our college. As we continue to work through these unprecedented conditions, we will continue to focus on two main priorities: the safety and well-being of our employees and students, and the continuation of educating our students with excellence, even under difficult circumstances.

Again, please monitor your email and the college's [COVID-19 Information](#) webpage. Rest assured that while this is a new international crisis, it is not the first such crisis and like those that came before the COVID-19 outbreak, we will get through this and will emerge stronger because of the experience.

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