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**LACCD UPDATE TO DISTRICT COMMUNITY ON CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19**

LOS ANGELES—The health and safety of our campus communities, including our students, faculty, staff and visitors, is a top priority. It is important for you to know that our status as of today, and for tomorrow, March 11, 2020, is:

- **We currently have no confirmed cases of, or exposures to, coronavirus or COVID-19 at any of our colleges, district facilities or with any of our students, faculty or staff**
- **All LACCD colleges and facilities are open and we have no expectation right now that this will change this week related to the virus or health issues (L.A. Harbor did close early today due to a power outage)**
- **All business operations are normal**
- **We have no reports of any high levels of absenteeism that would impact our operations**
- **Health officials continue to say the risk to any individual remains low in Los Angeles County regarding exposure to, or illness from, the coronavirus**

**LACCD Coronavirus Website and Social Media Information**

The latest information available for the LACCD community related to coronavirus and COVID-19 is now available online at: [www.laccd.edu/coronavirus](http://www.laccd.edu/coronavirus)

All of the websites for the nine colleges will point to this one page for the same information to be shared by all. Additional information is being posted to the District's main social media accounts.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/LACCD/>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/laccd>

Statewide information for the California Community College system on this situation can be found at: <https://www.cccco.edu/About-Us/Chancellors-Office/Divisions/Communications-and-Marketing/Novel-Coronavirus>

**LACCD Coronavirus Hotline Information**

If you wish to report an issue or ask a question about coronavirus or COVID-19 related to the District or the colleges, you can call our new hotline telephone number.

**The information hotline is (213) 221-5112.** Please leave your name and phone number, your question or the nature of your call and we will get back to you as quickly as possible.

**If you prefer, you can contact the District by email at: [coronavirusinfo@laccd.edu](mailto:coronavirusinfo@laccd.edu)**

If you want to report something specific to your college, call the college's Office of the President.

- **East Los Angeles College (323) 265-8662**
- **Los Angeles City College (323) 953-4010**
- **Los Angeles Harbor College (310) 233-4010**
- **Los Angeles Mission College (818) 364-7795**
- **Los Angeles Pierce College (818) 719-6408**
- **Los Angeles Southwest College (323) 241-5273**
- **Los Angeles Trade-Technical College (213) 763-7052**
- **Los Angeles Valley College (818) 947-2321**
- **West Los Angeles College (310) 287-4325**

### **COVID-19 Response Team**

LACCD leadership has been meeting daily to monitor and plan for any responses needed to COVID-19/Coronavirus. Last week, the District formally established a COVID-19 Response Team, representing and working collaboratively with various LACCD constituencies. This extensive work is in alignment with the direction of Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (LADPH) and California Department of Public Health (CDPH).

### **Prevention and Hygiene**

LACDPH Health Officers continue to recommend:

- ***If you are sick for any reason, stay home!***
- ***If sick***, self-monitor and call your primary healthcare provider for advice.
- Symptoms to watch for include a fever over 100.4 degrees; cough or shortness of breath
- Practice good personal hygiene:
  - Frequent and complete hand washing for at least 20 seconds
  - Stay six feet or more from strangers and those who are ill
  - Stop shaking hands with others to reduce the spread of germs
  - Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth
  - Sneeze and cough into a tissue or your sleeve
  - Wash your hands thoroughly and safely throw away used tissues

### **Alternative/Remote Learning Delivery**

LACCD and our colleges are moving forward with plans for alternative/remote learning delivery if necessary due to this public health emergency. With cooperation and support from our District Academic Senate and the Faculty Guild, LACCD is preparing to use Canvas, our content management system, to provide remote instruction. We will have more to announce about this very soon.

### **Los Angeles Pierce College**

Out of an abundance of caution, Los Angeles Pierce College and District officials have been in regular contact with five Pierce College students regarding their health status. The students recently attended the AIPAC conference in Washington, D.C. where two attendees from New York and one from Los Angeles have since tested positive for COVID-19.

NONE of the positive cases involved our students. Our students were not contacted by LACDPH to self-quarantine or isolate. LACDPH has said there is NO risk of public exposure from this L.A. county case and we have no directive from health officials that our students are at risk or should be quarantined. Our students report they are healthy and they are self-monitoring per the official guidelines from health officials. Our students have been advised they can self-quarantine and have been offered our full support.

### **Travel**

All non-essential travel has been suspended for all senior level administrators, including the Chancellor, Deputy Chancellor, Vice Chancellors, College Presidents, District Senior Staff and College Deans. The District is in consultation now about expanding this suspension to all LACCD personnel and students. An updated announcement will be made as soon as possible. Meanwhile, if you are sick for any reason, health officials urge you not to travel.

### **Events**

All events and event protocols are under review for all public gatherings at the colleges and District facilities. Most events are currently proceeding, but the situation is dynamic and changing. Should community spread of COVID-19 become more widespread in Los Angeles

County, the Public Health Officer for the County of Los Angeles has the legal authority to close facilities and cancel events. More information about events within LACCD will be made as soon as possible.

Thank you for the continued steps that you are taking to protect your own health and the health of the LACCD community. We will continue to provide you with detailed messages. Please check the website, [www.laccd.edu/coronavirus](http://www.laccd.edu/coronavirus).

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**About the Los Angeles Community College District**

*We are the Colleges of Los Angeles! LACCD ([www.laccd.edu](http://www.laccd.edu)) is the nation's largest community college district, educating about 250,000 students annually at its nine colleges that serve the residents of more than 36 cities and communities from 900 square miles of Los Angeles County. Since 1969, the District has been providing an important learning pathway for students seeking transfer to four-year colleges or universities while also offering two-year degrees and certificated training programs to Southern California's diverse workforce in many specialized trades and professions. Follow us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/LACCD>, @LACCD, and on Twitter, <https://twitter.com/laccd> @laccd and Instagram, [https://www.instagram.com/laccd\\_edu/](https://www.instagram.com/laccd_edu/) @laccd\_edu.*

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