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YCCD COVID-19 Response Update

Dear Students:

We appreciate your understating and patience as our campuses prepare to move classes to remote instruction formats in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19). We want to remind you that in-person classes are canceled on Monday, March 16 and Tuesday, March 17 and the transition to remote instruction begins on Wednesday, March 18.

We recognize that there is a great deal of uncertainty and apprehension amongst our students and staff during this unprecedented situation. We share that concern and are working diligently to help alleviate that concern with timely information and answers to questions.

The college and campus leadership teams are responding, as expeditiously as possible, to this situation with the best interest of students as a guiding principle. We are in daily contact with local public health officials to monitor the situation, and we are using their knowledge along with resources of state and federal agencies to help inform our actions.

With guidance from the California Department of Public Health, a 4-phase response plan to Coronavirus has been developed. We have been operating in Phase-1 of that plan for the last ten days.

Effective today, March 15, 2020, YCCD Chancellor Houston invoking an Emergency Status for the District which transitions us into Phase II of our Coronavirus Response Plan. Chancellor Houston has directed the Colleges' and District leadership to ensure the implementation of this transition no later than the start of classes on March 18, 2020.

The District's Response Plan is a dynamic document that is continually being edited and updated in response to the fluid nature of the situation. The following is a summary of the Plan. A more detailed version can be found on the Coronavirus page of the District's website at www.yccd.edu.

Phase 1: Planning and implementing measures to prevent the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19). Key activities include: preparing for the transition to remote education and student services, providing information on symptoms and preventative measures, developing telecommuting procedures for employees, confirming essential operations plan, increasing cleaning and disinfecting of facilities, and providing resources to help students and faculty with stress and anxiety.

Phase 2: Focus is on implementing remote education and essential services at all levels of the District. Key activities include: implement remote instruction and student services, limiting visitors on campus, and cancellation of nonessential travel, college and community events.

Phase 3: Focus is on the reduction of essential services offered and transition to a closed campus. Key activities include: transition essential services online, continued support for faculty delivering remote education, provide resources to students, faculty and staff for anxiety, fear and stress, maintain communication, ensuring upkeep and security of facilities.

Phase 4: Focus on maintaining services while all campus and district locations are closed. Key activities include district-wide communication, upkeep and cleaning facilities, campus security, finalizing procedures for “re-opening” campuses.

Again, we want to thank all students for your patience and understanding. What we are doing during these challenging times is to help ensure the safety of all students while continuing to serve your educational needs.

Sincerely,

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