

Dear YCCD Students

Earlier this evening Governor Newsom issued a "Stay at Home" order for the entire state; it is effective midnight tonight and continues through mid-April. This order is similar to orders already issued in a number of our counties, including Lake, Sutter, Yolo and Yuba.

The California Community College Chancellor has directed all community colleges in the state to reduce campus operations to a bare minimum of essential functions. In a message he sent following the Governor's announcement:

"Only "Essential Personnel" can be allowed on campus. You and your boards determine who is designated as "Essential" based on your Emergency Operations Plans. You are asked to continue to provide remote instruction. As I have mentioned previously, move all of your instruction to a remote learning platform immediately or implement other measures that eliminate person-to-person contact."

As you know, YCCD has already instituted this status effective yesterday (March 18) so this order actually does not change the current status on our campuses.

I have instructed that only faculty and staff that should be at our campuses and offices are those whose functions must be delivered on site. All other employees will be working from home, using remote solutions (i.e. online, video and teleconferencing) to conduct their responsibilities and deliver services to ensure continuity of instruction.

By reducing on-site operations to bare minimums and by aggressively cleaning those locations where faculty, staff and students must gather, we are ensuring that our campuses and offices are as risk-free of Coronavirus transmission as the CDC guidance dictates. However, I want to reiterate that any student who is concerned for personal health risk, or the risk of transmitting the virus to family member who themselves are a risk, should not come on to campus for any reason. If you need to be on campus for a specific task, please consult with your instructors to determine a reasonable accommodation to complete that task remotely. Only you can judge the risk and your own safety and those of your families and please know that we will support your decisions.

I have asked that District and College administrators communicate this information by all means possible have asked faculty to endeavor to contact any students who, needing to come to a campus for labs, etc. would be impacted by this new development.

These are uncertain times but we will navigate them together.

Sincerely,

Dr. Douglas B. Houston, Chancellor
Yuba Community College District