



March 5, 2020

Dear YCCD Students, Faculty and Staff,

As reported in the February 27, 2020 communication, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continue to closely monitor the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. The Yuba Community College District, likewise continues to monitor the situation through contact with local county health departments as well as information provided by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) on their website at: [California Department of Public Health](#).

As of this writing, according to the various county health departments in our service area, the risk of COVID-19 in our region remains low and despite some rumors there have been no diagnosed cases in any of our communities. As you may have heard, there has been one Coronavirus death; a Placer County resident who recently returned from an overseas cruise. Yesterday, as a precaution, Governor Newsom declared a “state of emergency” to mobile public services in case of further spread. The Governor has further reported, in a press conference yesterday, that while there are more than 94,000 cases reported worldwide, with about 3,200 deaths, the vast majority of them are in China. In the U.S., 128 cases have been reported, including nine deaths in Washington state out of 32 reported cases. In California, 53 cases have been reported with one fatality and 9,400 people who have flown internationally are being monitored.

YCCD and College Leaderships are proactively developing communication plans to help inform students, faculty, and staff to prevent the spread of respiratory viruses such as COVID-19. These plans include:

- Increasing the supply of hand sanitizer in common areas of the Colleges, Centers and District Services;
- Supplying tissues to Colleges, Centers and District Services;
- Increasing the schedule of cleaning and sanitizing areas where students, faculty and staff congregate;
- Temporarily increasing custodial staff through the duration of the concerns around COVID-19;
- Developing a website to provide continuous updates and *Frequently Asked Questions* for staff, faculty and students. The website can be found here: [YCCD Update on COVID-19](#); and
- Developing and distributing informational fliers focusing on healthy habits and links to additional resources.

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Under the leadership of YCCD Vice Chancellor of Education Planning, Dr. Sonja Lolland, the District and College Safety Committees will work to continue the work of updating the District's Emergency Response Plans to include protocols for issues such as travel restrictions; cancellation of classes, events, athletic competitions or performances; and the protocol response should students, faculty or staff be diagnosed with COVID-19.

As a reminder, as with any virus, especially during flu season, the Health Department reminds you there are a number of steps you can take to protect your health and those around you:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (YCCD restrooms are supplied with antibacterial soap). If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Self-quarantine - Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your cough with your arm.

Students, faculty and staff experiencing worsening flu-like symptoms should seek medical attention. Please call the Yuba College Student Health Clinic and Student Wellness Center at 530-740-1749; the Woodland Community College Student Health Services at 530-661-7758; or visit your local health care facility, immediately. Call ahead if you have recently traveled to China or have had contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19 while they were ill.

Look for additional information to be forthcoming through other means of communication such as the District Newsletter and District and college websites.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark blue ink, appearing to read "Dr. Douglas B. Houston, Ed.D." It is a cursive script with some loops and variations in line thickness.

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Chancellor