

From: [Artemio Pimentel](#)
To: [WCC ALL](#)
Cc: [Sandra Fowler](#); [Sonja Lolland](#); [Thomas Lowden](#); [Douglas Houston](#)
Subject: College Coronavirus Update #2
Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2020 8:00:58 PM
Attachments: [YCCD COVID-19 Response Plan \(3-11-2020\).pdf](#)

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to all who continue to reach out to me with your input and suggestions. Please know that we are working diligently and proactively to prepare our college if the current situation in our communities worsens. Thankfully, at this time we do not have any confirmed cases of Covid-19 among WCC students or staff.

We continue to be in constant communication with our county health experts and district leadership to monitor our current health level as it pertains to this pandemic. Yolo and Lake Counties continue to be at Phase 2 in the public health recommendation scale. For comparison, Phase 4 is where the public health officials suggest we close all educational institutions within the county (please see document attached). We are not there yet, however, we want to be prepared.

I have received many questions about our college events. **At this time, I am canceling large events with estimated participants of 150 or more planned for during the months of March and April. That includes canceling our Career Fair scheduled for next week (March 18) at the Woodland Campus, the Career Fair at the Colusa County Campus scheduled for March 25, and postponing our signature Founders Day Dinner scheduled for April 23.** We will consider the cancellation of other events or travel as recommended by the county's health experts and our own assessment.

We are currently developing a plan for the college to modify our instruction and student services to respond to a higher threat level, or in the worst-case scenario, close the college for a period of time. **This plan is due to our district leadership by Wednesday, March 18th.** In order to develop a comprehensive plan, our college leadership has been working closely with faculty and staff to develop a plan that incorporates "remote instruction" options and continuing to offer a level of support services through a variety of virtual methods.

One beneficial step faculty can take as we develop this plan is to take the survey that Kasey and Betsy sent earlier this week to aid in our planning. The results will help us target which courses would make good candidates for remote instruction and how to provide training for faculty and students so the transition is a success. Please keep in mind, we have regulatory requirements to hold instruction as currently scheduled until we finish the plan and make a decision to activate the instructional changes.

Finally, if you are sick. Please contact your supervisor or Dean to inform them, stay home, and contact your doctor via telephone. It is important that we reduce the spread of germs and illness even more so with this pandemic.

The safety of our college community continues to be our priority. Thank you all for your due diligence and understanding as this situation is fluid. Be well.

A-

Art Pimentel, Ed.D.
President
Woodland Community College
2300 East Gibson Road
Woodland, CA 95776
Office: (530) 661 - 5710

Your College, Your Future - Tu Colegio, Tu Futuro