

March 16, 2020

Hau Mitakiyapi,

Just a few lines of update about what SWC has done and what we plan to continue for the next few weeks. This update will not be comprehensive, but I will do my best to fill in some gaps.

Starting March 17 at 4:30 p.m., SWC instructors will be delivering their courses via eLearning (online). I am proud of how you have all worked together to bring this together! Wopida eciciyapi! We hope that on April 7 at 8:00 a.m. we will be able to return to work as usual. However, we will keep you posted if this is not the case. Spring Break (March 23-27) is on as scheduled, but without AIHEC. Alisa Fonder has sent out an email indicating what students would be leaving for their homes during Spring Break. We are not guaranteeing these students will return due to this COVID-19 outbreak...this is not our doing but will probably be based on the airlines or government precautions.

If students are not able to access WIFI or computers, our admissions office door (West Entrance) will be open (*but LOCKED) to those students and staff with their Student or Employee Identification. Security will have someone at the Bea's desk to answer phones and check those entering the front door to make sure they are either an employee or a student. Security will be checking your badges, so please make sure you have one and that your students know this as well. The computer lab on the north side of the west entrance (across from Bea's office) will be open and the bathrooms down the hall will also be available. However, the hallways and upstairs will be locked and off limits to students. Additionally, the library will be locked and closed during this time.

Student Financial Aid disbursements and other checks that are usually given out will be mailed to the postal or rural address we have on file. If you or your students addresses need to be updated, please do so as soon as possible. If you would rather Financial Aid just hold on to you or student checks, make sure they know this and I am sure they will try and accommodate. However, we will not be having students running around the building looking for FA disbursements.

Employees that come in to the college for work, please make sure you let Russ Eberhardt know so he can sanitize after you leave. Supervisors or Directors are responsible for making sure they inform their direct reports of their requirement to be on campus. Since my I cleared my desk off, now everyone has to clean their desks off! ☐ (just kidding) Also, those employees who are of the at-risk population need to self-identify and let your supervisor know so they will have the opportunity to plan.

For the most part, I believe we are on top of this just as good if not better than most. My **hope and prayer** is that we do our part in assisting in preventing this corona virus disease 2019 from spreading any further and that COVID-19 comes to its end very soon!

I would suggest you looking at the CDC website at *frequently asked questions* in case there is something there that you were not aware of. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html>

Be safe,

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