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RE: COVID-19 Update for BMCC Students

Students,

Late last night, Oregon Governor Kate Brown issued an Executive Order prohibiting all community colleges and universities from conducting in-person classroom, laboratory or other instruction from March 21 through April 28, 2020. This Executive Order means BMCC must once again adapt how it offers services to students and the community, and will mean some changes for students.

I know you will have many questions, and I hope the following information will help to answer many of those.

#### REMOTE SERVICE

Beginning Monday (3/23/20) and through April 28, BMCC will move to serving students and the community remotely. We will provide services exclusively through virtual means (phone, email, Zoom, Canvas) and our locations will be restricted to faculty and staff access only. This means we will ask students and the public to refrain from coming to campus or any center location during this time (with very few exceptions by appointment only), and instead utilize phone calls, email, Zoom and other remote access tools to connect with BMCC employees and services. However, I want to emphasize that BMCC is not closed.

#### SPRING TERM START DATE DELAYED

In an effort to give our faculty and staff more time to prepare for fully online education, the start of Spring Term has been delayed and will now begin on Monday, April 6, 2020. The term will still last for 10 weeks, ending on June 12. Finals will be the last day of class or online during Spring Term. BMCC will share an update on critical add/drop and payment dates soon.

#### CLASSES CONDUCTED IN REMOTE FORMATS

Classes for Spring Term will be conducted in remote formats, such as Zoom and online. Classes that may not be taught remotely are being cancelled. As you know, BMCC already announced March 13 that many classes for Spring Term would shift to these remote formats; the new order will now move the rest of our classes to remote formats, including CTE programs, where appropriate.

The only classes that can continue for Spring Term are those that can function completely remotely. The exception is Nursing, which the Governor has said is critical for addressing the healthcare needs of the community, and

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Diesel, which meets the transportation industry's critical needs for deliveries of medical supplies and food during the crisis.

#### ZOOM/INTERNET ACCESS ROOMS

To assist students who do not have access to the Internet or equipment necessary for taking classes online, BMCC has scheduled "Zoom Rooms" to allow students to come to BMCC locations to access resources, allowed as an "essential service" by the Governor's order. The Pendleton campus will have six rooms designated as Zoom Rooms (E-118, E-128, FARM 215, Library, M-143, ST-215), and there will be one at each center location (Milton-Freewater: Room 112, Workforce Training Center: Conference Room; Hermiston: DTEN Room; Baker: Lab). *Please note: appropriate social distancing must be observed in the Zoom Rooms, and seating will be limited in each room. Thus, if you have the ability to remotely access your classes via Zoom or Canvas from home, please do so.*

#### BOOKSTORE

The BMCC Bookstore will remain operational via its website to serve our students' needs for Spring Term course materials. The Bookstore is able to fulfill any online orders placed through its website, [www.bookstore.bluecc.edu](http://www.bookstore.bluecc.edu). The last day for Bookstore buy-back is today (3/19/20), so be sure to visit the Bookstore soon if you plan to take advantage of this option.

#### LIBRARY

As stated above, the Library will serve as a way for students without Internet and/or equipment at home to access Zoom and online format classes. The Library does ask that anyone with items to return to the Library please wait to do so until the Library physically reopens. There is no penalty for late items and due dates will be extended. Other information regarding Library services will be updated on the BMCC website soon.

#### ADVISING & SERVICE CENTER

Faculty advisors and Success Coaches will be available to students virtually, either by Zoom, phone call (541-278-5853) or email ([ssc@bluecc.edu](mailto:ssc@bluecc.edu)).

#### FINANCIAL AID & ADD/DROPS

The Financial Aid Office will send students updates via email, so please be sure to regularly check your BMCC student email account for this important information. The Registrar's Office will post information on the BMCC website regarding updated add/drop and payment dates as soon as it has some additional clarity on what those dates will be now that the start of the term has been delayed. Please be sure to monitor the BMCC website for details.

#### TESTING

All GED testing will continue to be conducted in-person by appointment only, and strict social distancing measures will be implemented. Placement testing for Spring Term will also be available by appointment only. Summer and Fall Term placement testing is not available at this time.

#### ACCOMMODATIONS

If you have a disability or learning accommodation, please fill out the disability/accommodations form on BMCC's website, or contact Learning Support Coordinator Brian Boerma, 541-278-5817, [bboerma@bluecc.edu](mailto:bboerma@bluecc.edu).

#### THE DEN PANTRY

Students who have a need for items from BMCC's food pantry, The Den, will take call-in orders of up to 10 items and establish a pick-up time. Leave a message with your order at 541-278-5965.

The BMCC website will continue to update information as we learn more and address challenges and questions. Please monitor [www.bluecc.edu/coronavirus](http://www.bluecc.edu/coronavirus) for current information.

I know all of this change is challenging and frustrating for you. It's also an opportunity for BMCC to learn new ways to continue to serve you. I know that BMCC is a choice for you, and I want to thank you for your continued confidence and trust in BMCC. All of these changes are unprecedented for BMCC – and all of higher education – so we appreciate your patience, support and understanding as we navigate through these uncharted waters.

Thank you for choosing BMCC and have a great spring term!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DBF', is positioned above the printed name.

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