March 23, 2020

SUBJECT: Bristol Community College Remains Open; Classes resume March 30

Dear Bristol Community College students,

This morning, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker, through the Department of Public Health, issued a stay at home advisory for the State of Massachusetts. This advisory begins on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, at noon and continues until Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at noon.

The advisory is part of a broader executive order in regard to the essential services offered by specific businesses and organizations. The order defines some exceptions including colleges and universities for the purpose of facilitating distance learning or performing other essential student support functions.

What this means for Bristol Community College.

- **Bristol Community College remains open on a limited basis.**
- Classes are not cancelled. As previously stated, are classes are suspended this week and will continue online or remotely beginning on March 30.
- Computer labs at all locations will be available on a limited basis beginning March 30 and the Fall River Campus Library remains open on a limited basis to serve students with technology needs.
- Services currently available on campus continue to be offered with limited access, via phone or email, and with limited access to in-person services. Please reference the department directory for a list of departments and their availability.

As the education and success of our students is increasingly critical at this time, Bristol will continue operations remotely and will begin delivering courses remotely, as scheduled, on March 30.

We encourage you to continue checking your Bristol email. We will keep you updated through email and our webpage, [www.bristolcc.edu/coronavirus](http://www.bristolcc.edu/coronavirus).

Thank you for your patience as we navigate together through this ever-changing public health emergency. Please focus on staying healthy and safe during these trying times.

Thank you,

Laura L. Douglas
President