Dear Students,

Due to the recent developments regarding COVID-19, Massachusetts Community Colleges are fully committed to maximizing remote work, teaching and learning opportunities for the foreseeable future as we work to ensure the health and safety of our students, employees and communities.

Accordingly, we are taking the following steps:

- Spring break extended through March 28. No classes, face-to-face or online.
- When classes resume on March 30, they will be conducted remotely through at least April 25.
- As much as possible, college services will be offered remotely. On-campus services will be limited.
- Effective immediately, access to all buildings is limited to faculty, staff and students only.

REMOTE LEARNING

When you return from extended spring break on March 30, classes will be conducted remotely or online through April 25. This may be extended as we continue to evaluate the situation.

- If you are currently enrolled in an online class, there will be no changes to the way your course is delivered.
- Hybrid courses will move fully online.
- If you are currently taking classes face-to-face, please stay tuned for information from your instructor. Each instructor will be formulating the best plan for the specific needs of the course.
- Clinicals, internships, service-learning, field work or practica may continue as long as the placement site is able to host you.

About Remote Learning. Moving classes to a remote format can mean that a variety of remote learning options will be used, such as sharing materials electronically via email, Blackboard or Office365. This does not mean that you are now taking a fully online class.

Technology Access and Support. While the college has moved to remote learning, there will still be resources available at each location. Understanding that students need access to computers and internet, we are committed to providing access to these services. Support staff will also be available to assist with technology solutions. Please note the modified hours of each location and computer lab.

- **Attleboro Campus** open Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
  Computer lab (room 118) open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- **New Bedford Campus** open Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
  Computer lab (room 401) open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
• **Taunton Center** Open Mondays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
  Computer lab (room 102) open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
• **Fall River Campus** – Administrative office hours will vary.
  Computers will be available for student use in the Farley Learning Resources Center (A Building) and K130 on Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Please note that the labs will be closed from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. for extensive environmental cleaning. We are stepping up our cleaning efforts in these labs and will practice social distancing by allowing access to every/other computer only. If rooms get to capacity, additional rooms will be made available.

Speak with your instructor or division dean if you have concerns about access to technology. [You can access the directory of academic chairs and coordinators here.](#)

**Internet Access.** Do you need internet access at home? Comcast and Cox are offering free or discounted internet service. Xfinity is also offering free access to their Wi-Fi hot spots. [More details here.](#)

**SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**Reduced Services.** While there are no classes, the college will remain open. Most services will be available remotely. This is a critical step in increasing social distancing.

Whenever possible, appointments should be done by email, phone or virtually. We will be sharing a complete list of departments and their availability in the coming days to better serve your needs.

Generally speaking, you should only need to come to a campus to access computers or Wi-Fi.

We understand that you may still have many questions. Know that we are here and working hard to ensure your success.

We will continue to share details as quickly as possible. Please expect follow-up emails as we continue to finalize plans. Please be sure to check your Bristol emails regularly.

Sincerely,

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"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go with others."

- African Proverb