

Students,

Right now, I am sure you are all concerned about the COVID-19 coronavirus and its impact on your everyday lives. We are all feeling the stress and anxiety that comes with having our daily, routine decisions upended in such swift and dramatic fashion.

I want to take a moment to assure you that State Fair Community College understands this and is committed to your safety and wellbeing. It is for this reason that the COVID-19 Planning Committee was formed and why so many dedicated individuals have committed their time to make decisions to ensure your protection.

This afternoon, the Planning Committee met and decided the following:

Beginning **March 30, all remaining instruction** for the spring 2020 semester **will be taught online** or will use **alternative delivery methods**.

Effective **March 23, all SFCC locations will be closed to the public until further notice**.

Effective immediately, **students who are not currently in the Residence Halls are not to return to campus**. This means if students left the campus housing for spring break, they will not be allowed back in. Those students will be contacted by the Residence Hall Director or individuals in Student Services to make arrangements to get their personal belongings.

If you are currently a student resident in the campus housing, **you will be asked to leave campus housing at your earliest convenience** through proper checkout methods. Those students will be contacted by the Residence Hall Director or individuals in Student Services to help with this process.

If you are a resident student **who has obtained formal approval from the Director of Student Life to remain in student housing** for the remainder of the spring semester, **food services will continue in a capacity that respects social distancing and promotes safe health**. Community gatherings, including social dining, will be prohibited.

The SFCC Business Office **will pro-rate housing costs** (room and board) to student who leaves the Residence Halls, effective their last day and upon successful completion of the check-out process.

Student employees, including work-study, are not to report to work but will be paid for scheduled hours through March 31. Future employment will be communicated by supervisors.

All remaining spring 2020 events, including commencement ceremonies, are canceled. If possible, we will have a graduation celebration or make plans to include spring graduates in later ceremonies or pinning.

Decisions such as these were not taken lightly and required weeks of meetings and hours of deliberation from the members of the COVID-19 Planning Committee. Their hard work and guidance are a testament to their commitment to your safety. Please continue to monitor future actions at www.sfccmo.edu/COVID-19.

The committee's work is not done as this pandemic is far from over. This team will continue to meet and monitor the coronavirus, and we will continue our efforts to create a safe environment.

I want to thank the Planning Committee members for their choices and recommendations, and I want to thank you for your understanding and patience through this difficult time. I am confident that we will all get through this together and come out with a stronger community. Because ultimately, it's about community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Joanna Anderson, President
State Fair Community College