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Colleagues –

As news continues to fill with stories about the coronavirus, which has quickly become a global matter, you likely have concerns and questions.

I invite you to attend one of the forums we have scheduled for faculty, staff and students this week, beginning Tuesday, to learn more about COVID-19 (Coronavirus) and the College's preparations. Times and locations are below.

It is important to remember that there are no reported cases in Tucson or Pima County at this time and only a small number reported in Arizona. The health risk in the U.S. is currently low and federal, state and local officials are working to minimize the risk from the virus and limit its spread. The College is watching the situation very closely and is in contact with the Pima County Health Department and other city and county officials.

This morning, Tucson and Pima County officials held a news conference to reassure residents and advise that there is no reason to panic. As it was stated, "Let's be smart, alert, but not anxious."

There are numerous steps you can take to protect yourself and help keep those around you safe.

With Spring Break rapidly approaching, I know many of you are reviewing your travel plans. While Pima Community College does not have requirements for personal travel, we strongly encourage you to avoid travel to [Level 1, 2 or 3 countries](#) or those with [active community spread](#) of COVID-19. The CDC recommends a 14-day self quarantine after traveling to high risk areas.

The Centers for Disease Control also advises some actions you might want to consider:

- Be prepared for a period of self-isolation for quarantine lasting 2 weeks, with your favorite foods and any medicines you might need in hand.
- Be more restrained in casual physical interactions (e.g. skip hugs and shaking hands).
- Be prepared to cancel attendance at large gatherings or social events.

Otherwise, stay informed, practice good health hygiene, including thoroughly washing your hands, get plenty of rest and pay attention to your health.

In addition, Pima's custodial staff are paying extra attention to common surfaces such as handrails and door handles.

As the situation continues to develop, we will monitor available information and work with public health officials to stay prepared. Updates will be posted on Pima Community

College's [Coronavirus Preparedness](#) page, which can be accessed from the Pima.edu homepage, under Good to Know, or Pima.edu/COVID19.

The [Pima County Health Department](#) and the [Arizona Department of Health Services](#) also are good sources of information.

Understand that some people may feel anxious or worried for themselves or for loved ones and that stigmatizing or stereotyping only hurts us. As always, remember that Pima is a supportive community who values one another and we are stronger together.

Lee Lambert
Chancellor

We look forward to welcoming you to the forums. [See below]

Pima Community College COVID-19 campus and facility forums

Campus/facility	Date and time	Room
Downtown Campus	March 10, 8:15-9:45 am	CC-180
29th Street Coalition Center	March 10, 10:30-noon	Aurora
Northwest Campus	March 10, 2-3:30 pm,	A-207
Desert Vista Campus	March 11, 2-3:30 pm	F-123
East Campus	March 12, 10:30-noon	L-101
West Campus	March 13, 9:10:30 a.m.	J-G05
District Office	March 13, 2-3:30 pm or 3:30-5 pm	Community Room