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Sent on behalf of Chancellor Lee Lambert

Topics: Working toward virtual restart and remaining flexible

Colleagues --

Good afternoon.

As you know, the measures to implement social distancing continue to expand as retail and other businesses close their doors temporarily. Pima County moved today to close restaurants, bars, gyms, movie theaters and other gathering places. It is further verification that Pima's early decision to transition to a virtual environment was the right thing to do for the health of our community.

In that vein, we anticipate that virtual learning will continue to the end of the Spring semester and that working from home will be extended. As details of those decisions come together, we will communicate them quickly.

I see and appreciate the hard work taking place on this transition. I am hearing encouraging stories about your creativity and resourcefulness. We are creating a great repository of good ideas that will allow us to build a robust virtual learning environment in the future as well. Thank you for continuing to demonstrate your passion and commitment to education and to students.

We are keeping a close watch on the decisions being made at the local, state and national levels and weighing the impact on the College. We are in close communication with officials at all levels. We ask you to please continue to stay flexible and alert. While our goal is to build as much stability as possible, we recognize we must be able to pivot and adjust quickly as circumstances around us change.

Please continue to keep an eye on your email. Our primary source of communication will be Pima email and Pima.edu/COVID19, where you also will find a growing list of resources for faculty, staff and students.

Please continue to take care. Laugh when you can. Get some fresh air. Remember that you are supported and valued.

Lee D. Lambert
Chancellor