

March 16, 2020

Dear Pima student,

I am writing to update you on topics that have arisen since my [March 12 announcement](#) regarding the extension of Spring Break through March 24 and our transition to virtual learning.

In our decision-making, we recognize that Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 is affecting practically every aspect of public life in the U.S. and around the world. Like any education institution, we are seeking to balance student learning and mitigating the public health impact of a new, formidable disease.

Thus, as of noon today, March 16, 2020, Pima Community College is suspending face-to-face student and public services through March 27, 2020. Suspended face-to-face student services include (but are not limited to):

- Advising
- Counseling
- Testing
- Tutoring
- Libraries
- Computer labs/Tech Corner

**However: The College is not closing.** We plan to reconvene Spring classes March 25. We continue to transform in-person classes to a virtual environment when feasible. Not all classes lend themselves to virtual instruction, such as clinicals, Career & Technical Education courses, or lab-based courses. We are exploring alternative options. **Your instructors will contact you with details regarding your specific Spring classes by March 23 at 5 p.m. Please do not call the College's general information line, 206-4500, to reach individual faculty.**

Below is a quick summary of other matters of interest to students:

- **Access and Disability Resources:** Limited services are available.
- **Food pantries:** West and Desert Vista Aztec Resource Centers will be open.
- **Summer School 2020:** Registration for the summer semester has been delayed until March 25.
- **Scholarship deadline extended:** The deadline to apply for [Pima institutional scholarships](#) has been extended through April 30.
- **Virtual student services:** The College is quickly establishing expanded virtual student services. This will be communicated with students as soon as possible.
- **Internet access:** You may be eligible for free or lower-priced Internet: Check <https://www.internetessentials.com> or <https://www.cox.com/residential/internet/connect2compete.html> for details.

- **Transition to virtual learning:** Our [Student Resource Guide for Transition to Online Learning](#) is the place to start for answers to your questions.
- **Survey:** If you have not already, please fill out this [short survey](#). It asks about your access to WiFi, computers, and other resources that are part of instruction from a distance.
- **Graduation:** Many students have asked about the status of the 2020 Commencement ceremony, currently scheduled for May 21. The College has cancelled campus and community events through April 30. We will make a decision about May events as the situation progresses.
- **Bookstores:** You can still place bookstore orders online.
- **Data:** Your health and safety are a priority. That includes the safety of your data. Be aware of COVID-19 scams. Pima's website has guidance on [protecting the security of your information](#).
- **More help:** As always, Student Wellness Assistance is available 24/7 at 1-833-251-9941 and through MyPima > Students > Student Resources tab.

As the COVID-19 situation changes, please continue to monitor [pima.edu/covid19](https://pima.edu/covid19) and check your [pima.edu](mailto:pima.edu) email for information on Pima's response.

Thank you so much. Together, we'll get through this extraordinary time.

Lee D. Lambert,  
Chancellor