

March 17, 2020

Dear Pima student,

Like the rest of the U.S. and the world, our community faces a [critical inflection point](#) in its response to a new and formidable disease, Novel Coronavirus COVID-19.

Thus, the College must intensify its [social distancing](#) efforts. We recognize that by keeping apart from each other, we are potentially saving the lives of members of our community. As a college and community, we must do our part to fight this global pandemic by [flattening the curve](#).

Toward that end, beginning today, March 17, and through Friday, March 27, all in-person services on campuses, centers and the District Office are suspended.

Know that we are still working diligently toward a March 25 resumption of Spring classes in a virtual environment to the extent feasible. Your instructors will contact you with details regarding your specific Spring classes by March 23 at 5 p.m.

[You can read more about our efforts to transition in my message to students of March 16.](#)

On the evening of March 16, I shared a [notification](#) after learning that a member of the College community may have been in contact with someone who has been tested for COVID-19. We are still awaiting guidance from the [Pima County Health Department](#) of this potential exposure.

It should be noted that the Health Department says that the risk of COVID-19 in the county remains low. It should also be noted that our decision to move to a virtual learning environment has been made independently from the potential exposure.

As always, Student Wellness Assistance is available 24/7 at 1-833-251-9941 and through MyPima > Students > Student Resources tab.

Health officials advise that if you show [symptoms of the coronavirus](#), contact your primary care physician. If you don't have a primary care physician, call the Pima County Health Department hotline, 1-844-542-8201, to reach a health care professional.

And please continue to monitor your Pima email and [pima.edu/covid19](http://pima.edu/covid19).

Our faculty and staff deserve recognition for their efforts to help bring our students to the finish line. Also, I want to thank you for your patience and support. During this extraordinary time, maintaining the health of our community is everyone's responsibility.

Lee D. Lambert,  
Chancellor

