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Colleagues,

Several of you have raised questions about recent announcements from the Governor regarding school closures and workforce mandates and about Career Education programs that require hands-on components. While we continue to seek specific direction from the Governor's Office and accrediting and licensing bodies please read the guidance below:

### **College Campus Closures**

Neither the Governor nor the Chancellor's Office has mandated the full closure of college campuses. In one case, the County of Riverside, college campuses have been required by local health officials to close. Unless and until the Governor, the Chancellors Office or local public health officials issue a mandate to close your college campuses then you are **not** required to do so. Local boards may choose to adjust the Spring break schedule, close temporarily to prepare to shift to remote instruction or for other reasons, but at this point you are not compelled to close. The Governor is directing us to continue to provide instruction and to follow the guidance provided by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for colleges and universities (attached). If you fall into Scenario IV then you are required to close. In addition, many colleges operate child care facilities. The Governor has asked that we take practicable measures to keep child care facilities open, even if the instruction component of the center is disrupted.

### **Reducing Person-to-Person Exposure**

The CDPH has issued guidance which identifies the reduction of person-to-person contact as a key strategy to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. For the purpose of college operations the Chancellor's Office is advising all colleges to reduce operations on college campuses to a minimum and to move in-person instruction to remote learning platforms immediately. We also advise that you institute

teleworking protocols except for essential personnel. For workers age 65 or older, the Governor is requiring that those workers stay home and telework, except for essential personnel. It is important to recognize that through your emergency planning processes, local boards and CEO's can determine who fits the category of "essential personnel."

### **Continuation of Instruction**

I appreciate all of the work that you are doing to move all in-person instruction to remote learning platforms. We recognize that this is not easy and we are working to provide you as much support as possible. It is critical to student success, the local and state workforce and the health of our system, that we do everything possible to maintain the continuity of instruction, keep students enrolled and provide them the means necessary to succeed. The Chancellor's Office is working with licensing and accrediting bodies to provide us the flexibility necessary and we are working to secure flexibility in the use of existing funds and additional financial support to help you. On Friday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00AM, my office will host a webinar which will include a panelist from ACCJC to specifically address accreditation concerns. We are also working with the Governor's office to request modifications to clinical program requirements that impact nursing students. For Career Education programs that require hands-on instruction or competency demonstration, I ask you to do everything possible, within the guidance provided by the CDPH, to provide the instruction necessary. In the case where a local public health office has ordered the closure of the college campus, do everything possible to provide for a work around to maintain the continuity of instruction. The Governor has specifically asked that we do everything within our means to help students complete their educational goals. If you are experiencing specific issues with licensing or accrediting bodies that prevent you from completing the instructional requirements for certification or licensing, please communicate those to Executive Vice Chancellor Marty Alvarado.

We will have more updates soon, but I wanted to address these now as many of you have raised similar concerns. The webinar information was sent to all of you via calendar invite, but you can also find it below. I encourage you to join and share the webinar with your staff.

Best,

Eloy

You are invited to a Zoom webinar.  
When: Mar 20, 2020 09:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Topic: COVID-19 Updates

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