

COVID Update/Remote Delivery – Keith Peterson

CNCC Faculty,

The unfortunate reality is our two counties (Moffat and Rio Blanco) have not been immune to the recent uptick in COVID-19 cases being experienced state-wide. While our location and geography still work to our advantage, there is no doubt the number of active cases in our area has reached a level higher than at any previous point in the pandemic. As a result, the CNCC administration has chosen to move to remote delivery of classes, starting Monday, November 30th. This decision was not handed down by the Governor's Office, either of our county Health Departments, or CCCS, this is simply a proactive decision by administration made in the interest of keeping our CNCC family safe for the holidays. Thanks to all of your efforts to be safe we have managed to come this far in the semester without any major concerns about "spread" on our campuses. With this in mind, we feel it would be best for everyone's safety if students do not return to campus after having left for Thanksgiving break. Indeed, our intentions are to keep our campuses free of the possibility of COVID in order that we can start Spring Semester the same way we started Fall. As we prepare for this much abbreviated period of remote delivery please note the following information:

- The goal is to reduce the number of students on our campuses. There will however, be a few exceptions.
 - Automotive Technology students will be returning to finish their coursework after the Thanksgiving Break, on the Craig campus.
 - Aviation Maintenance Technology students will be returning to finish their coursework after the Thanksgiving Break, on the Rangely campus.
 - Aviation Flight students will finish coursework remotely but will be allowed to book flight time "if" they desire.
- Faculty welcome to work from campus and to deliver their courses from their classroom or office. Again, this is not a "required" shut-down, so the restrictions on faculty will not be nearly as significant as in the Spring. Bottom line, if you have a need to be on campus to deliver your course remotely then please feel free to do so.
- You have the next two weeks to communicate directly (face to face) with your students about expectations for finishing the semester. Please use this time to make your expectations clear. While students will not be allowed back on campus, they are still responsible for the work required to complete the class. This includes all assignments, tests, and certainly finals.
- We will likewise be restricting any non-essential travel between campuses.
- Our expectation is to return for Spring Semester as planned. We believe this will closely mirror our Fall start with some added screening protocols in place for students who are returning to campus. We will work diligently with our local health departments as we did this Fall to ensure we have the correct protocols in place to ensure a safe return.
- Students will be receiving a notification from Vice President Anderson, informing them of all of the above, along with information regarding their student housing expectations/protocols.
- As was requested last Spring, please address any immediate questions to your respective Deans. If they cannot answer your question they will escalate it to my office and we will get you an answer.

Thank you again for the great work you have put in this semester. Because of your diligence, CNCC has been a safe place to work and learn. Out of respect for you and your safety, we feel this is right decision

for closing out the semester. I understand this isn't ideal for many of you, but we would rather suffer a few weeks of inconvenience for the sake of a safe spring return than roll the dice and take any chances.

You all have been amazing throughout this entire bizarre year, and I will again say, CNCC has persevered because we have the best faculty in the State of Colorado. I'm as eager to put 2020 behind as anyone else, but since we had to go through it, I'm awful proud I got to go through it with you! I hope you have a great Thanksgiving holiday and I sincerely hope you get to make the best of the extra time this December with your loved ones.

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