From: Cerritos College

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Dear Cerritos College Students,

As you are aware, President Fierro has issued a communication regarding the College's response to Coronavirus (COVID-19). **I want to reassure you at this time, there are no known cases of COVID-19 among any District students and employees.** To reduce the community transmission rates of Coronavirus, the College is implementing strategies to minimize the physical presence of students on campus.

In an effort to keep students informed for the upcoming transition, the following summarizes the current changes in college operations, instruction, and campus events. The College is committed to providing safe, flexible learning options to our students, so they can successfully complete this semester and mitigate exposure to Coronavirus. For this reason, the College will move lecture courses to a remote learning format while keeping student service departments open. Here is what to expect during this transition:

## **Transition to Online Classes**

**3/16/2020 - 3/22/2020** (Spring Break) - The campus will recess to spring break as previously scheduled. There will be no instruction, and operations will continue as normal. Some hours may be adjusted.

**3/23/2020 - 3/29/2020 - Classes are cancelled during this week.** Faculty will utilize this time to transition to online instruction. **NOTE:** Any short-term classes (e.g., 2nd 9-week classes) scheduled to begin during this week will **not** meet; such classes will begin the week of March 30.

**3/30/2020 - 5/23/2020 -** Classes will resume in an online learning environment or in modified format through the end of the term.

<u>All lecture classes</u> will be moving to an online format starting March 30. Campus will be open for administrative business during the week of March 23 to March 29. <u>Non-lecture courses</u>, such as laboratory, performing arts, and physical education courses may need to continue in person. Your instructor will communicate any changes with you directly.

## Services for Students

We understand some students may not feel prepared for online instruction or will need access to internet. The Library and Student Computer Lab plan to maintain regular hours and in-person services from March 23, 2020 to the end of the term. The Success Center will maintain remote tutoring services starting March 30 to the end of the term. Student Accessibility Services (formerly called DSPS) will also remain open to provide accommodations for students with disabilities. Student Health Services and all other service departments will remain open for students throughout the semester, including next week and the week following spring break. Keep in mind, while on campus students are are expected to engage in social distancing (remaining out of congregate settings, avoiding mass gatherings, and maintaining distance-approximately 6 feet or 2 meters-from others when possible).

If you are experiencing any symptoms, such as fever, cough, runny nose, or difficulty breathing, we strongly encourage you to stay home! Information on prevention, symptoms, and what to do if you feel sick can be found on the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website.

Your health and the well-being of the campus community is our top priority. I want to assure you that we are here to support you. If you have any questions, please email <a href="mailto:krios@cerritos.edu">krios@cerritos.edu</a>.

Sincerely,

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