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UPDATE: New COVID-19 Information Resources for Oregon Higher Education Partners

An expanded FAQ on COVID-19 and other new information is available at: www.oregon.gov/highered/about/Pages/COVID19.aspx

Salem, OR – The Higher Education Coordinating Commission (HECC) in partnership with the [Oregon Health Authority](#) has added updated resources on the [Oregon HECC COVID-19 Webpage for College and University Partners](#) to address questions among Oregon higher education institutions related to the novel coronavirus and COVID-19. Oregon higher education partners are encouraged to share these resources within their networks.

*Notably, the [Key Information for Oregon College and University Campus Communities on the 2019 novel coronavirus and COVID-19](#) document includes an expanded section on **Cancellations and Best Practices for Classes and Campus Events**, incorporating recent guidance from Governor Brown and the Oregon Health Authority. In addition, there is a new section on **Frequently Asked COVID-19 related Questions for colleges with dormitories**. Another new resources is a page with links to the institution COVID-19 websites where campus personnel communicate guidance to their communities.*

Ben Cannon, executive director of the HECC, says, "We are working closely with all Oregon colleges and universities—public and private, large and small—to ensure that they have the information they need to make informed decisions during this challenging time. Each institution is unique and faces difficult decisions about how to preserve services for students, faculty, staff, and community while protecting their health and well-being. It is important for Oregonians to know that at this time Oregon's colleges and universities are encouraged to maintain the continuity of their teaching, learning, and residential/wellness/health services to the greatest extent possible, but to shift instruction and related activities to remote/online learning options wherever feasible and to implement other mitigation measures, including social distancing, on their campuses. We recommend they consult with local and state health authorities regarding any closure decisions, particularly in the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case in their community."

Since the situation with COVID-19 is evolving, the HECC website resources will be updated with new information and guidance on an ongoing basis, so we encourage our partners to keep checking back.

NEW Resources for Oregon Colleges and Universities

[Oregon HECC COVID-19 Webpage for College and University Partners](#) on the 2019 novel coronavirus and COVID-19

- [Key Information for Oregon College and University Campus Communities on the 2019 novel coronavirus and COVID-19](#), March 13, 2020 UPDATED!
 - Communicating on College Campuses
 - Cancellations and Best Practices for Classes/Campus Events - UPDATED!
 - Travel and Study Abroad
 - Cleaning and Disinfecting
 - Colleges with Dormitories - NEW!
 - Other Planning Considerations for College and University Leadership
- [Oregon College and University Website Pages on COVID-19](#) - NEW!
- [HECC Guidance to Licensed Private Career Schools](#) - NEW!
- Governor Kate Brown Issues Orders on COVID-19, March 12, 2020 - NEW!
 - Governor's Office [Press Release: Governor Kate Brown Issues Orders on COVID-19](#)
 - [Updated Mitigation Measures on Coronavirus Response](#)
 - [Executive Order 20-05: Prohibiting Large Gatherings Due to Coronavirus Outbreak in Oregon](#)
- State Issues Guidance to Oregon schools and universities - UPDATED!
 - OHA [COVID-19 Public Health Guidance to Oregon school and universities, updated March 12, 2020](#)

Oregonians should go to the [Oregon Health Authority website here](#) for the most up-to-date public information on COVID-19 in Oregon, presented in multiple languages. This includes: Frequently Asked Questions, current status, prevention guidelines, as well as information for health providers, local public health authorities, families, schools, tribes and more. The U.S. [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) website has the most current information about COVID-19 in the United States.

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