



Iowa Western Community College officials have been closely monitoring the global COVID-19 pandemic with the help of resources from the Iowa Department of Health (IDH), the Pottawattamie County Health Department and Emergency Management. The IWCC crisis team has been meeting daily to assess the virus spread and outline plans for the college moving forward.

Because of recent developments outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and state and local officials regarding the COVID-19 spread, Iowa Western is taking the following actions to protect our campus community:

- Iowa Western will be cancelling all classes March 16-21. Following spring break and beginning March 30, most classes will be taught remotely in an on-line environment and not in person. The college, including our housing units, will remain open. We encourage our students to return home if possible. For those students who are unable to go home, we will continue to support our students in our housing units.
- ALL FACULTY AND STAFF WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT TO THE MAIN CAMPUS AND CENTER LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE REMAINDER OF THE SEMESTER. THE COLLEGE WILL REMAIN OPEN IT IS NOT CLOSING.

We understand that these are uncertain times because of the global outbreak, but the IWCC administration, faculty and staff are prepared to continue its mission of providing quality educational services to our students. Please check the college's web site (www.iwcc.edu) and your email for routine messages on this topic.

We have created a special e mail account for people to submit questions regarding course delivery. That address is coursequestions@iwcc.edu.

COURSE DELIVERY

Iowa Western will cancel all classes the week of March 16-20. We ask instructors to use this time to take the necessary steps to teach their courses remotely. We understand that this is a significant change for both faculty and students, but we are committed to providing the resources necessary to continue the delivery of coursework.

Starting Monday, March 30 most courses will be delivered utilizing remote access and will not meet in-person for the remainder of the semester.

- We encourage students residing on campus to return to their place of permanent residence because there are advantages for social distancing.
- For those students living on campus who are not able to go home, we will continue to support students in housing and dining facilities where appropriate.
- The cyber-library will remain open; however, some services and hours will be limited.
- Advising for students will continue but may be done remotely. More information on accessing student advising and other student services will be forthcoming.

CAREER AND TECH PROGRAMS

Some Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs will continue to meet in a face-to-face lab environment. For those classes, we will be instituting strict guidelines for our cleaning staff to follow in terms of daily sanitizing service. Instructors in these programs are asked to reach out to students with details on class arrangements.

Over the next week we will be working diligently on our plans to make this a smooth transition for our staff and students. Specific information about help with computer resources and other questions will be provided in the days ahead.

OTHER CAMPUS ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Dr. John and Jean Marshall Center will be closed until further notice.
- All events at the Arts Center will be cancelled until after April 30.

We urge all faculty, staff, students and parents to visit our website and click on our coronavirus link <https://www.iwcc.edu/covid19/> for important information about college operations.

We sincerely appreciate the patience and support of the entire college community as we work through this difficult period in our country's history. Thank you.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Kinney". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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