



Iowa Western Community College officials have been closely monitoring the global COVID-19 pandemic with the help of resources from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Iowa Department of Health (IDP), 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.

Upon discovery of the existence of substantial community spread of COVID-19 in the state, Iowa Gov. Kim Reynolds is recommending that Iowa schools close for four weeks. That declaration has caused further discussion by the IWCC crisis management team regarding how to conduct business on campus with staff needing to stay home with school-age children.

Because of recent developments outlined by the Governor and state and local officials regarding the COVID-19 spread, Iowa Western is taking the following actions to protect our campus community:

- The college has adopted two new policies; an Emergency Telecommuting Policy and a Temporary COVID-19 Sick Leave Donation Policy. Those policies are attached and can be found on our web site.

The administration is encouraging those that can work from home to do so in order to limit our exposure to spread of the coronavirus. Each department will be working on a plan of action for which employees are best equipped to work from home. Details will be coming in the days ahead. We ask that faculty and staff be patient as we work through the details on how we conduct business during this unprecedented time in our country's history.

Please heed the advice of federal, state and local health department officials and stay home if you feel ill and remember to practice proper hygiene by routinely washing your hands.

As a reminder, Iowa Western has cancelled 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Kinney' in a cursive script.

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