



PROVIDENCE
CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

****URGENT UPDATE: COVID-19****

March 12, 2020

Dear Providence Community,

Los Angeles County and California continue to be in a declared state of emergency in response to the COVID-19 situation. In addition, the city of Pasadena has identified the first confirmed case of COVID-19. As you know, this situation is fluid and changing daily. It is our desire to keep you as up to date as possible on the response and plans for the Providence Christian College community.

Effective immediately, Providence administration has decided to extend the spring break and the entire semester by one week in order to further assess the situation and determine the best course of action for the completion of the spring term. This means that, as of today, the plan will be for students to return to campus to resume classes on Monday, March 23rd. Additionally, our semester end will be pushed back by one week to Friday, May 8th, and Commencement exercises will now occur on Saturday, May 9th. We were notified today that, effective immediately, the California Pacific Conference is suspending all athletics activities indefinitely. Athletic Director, Brian DeHaan, has also cancelled all campus athletic activities and will be working with the baseball coach and team to process return home for all players today and tomorrow.

We realize that this may be inconvenient for some, however, like everyone else, we are keeping abreast of the latest information and are seeking to make decisions that are in the best interests of our students. We will send you another formal communication next week, Thursday, March 19, to give you another update, including whether or not the remainder of the semester coursework will be transitioned to a remote format.

As was communicated last week, we would ask that students avoid nonessential travel, to halt all international travel to CDC Level 3 countries, and to be prudent about domestic travel and monitoring their health closely. We must require any member of the campus community to self-report illness. This is critically important as it may impact the ability to continue on-campus operations. We do recommend that any student who becomes ill while away from campus on spring break remain off campus until they are free of fever for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

Providence is prepared to support faculty and students to continue their coursework remotely, if that is determined to be the best course of action. The decision of whether or not to do this will be made and included in the communication coming to you next week, Thursday, March 19.

If there is anything we can assist you with or questions we can answer, please don't hesitate to contact Geoff Shaw, Dean of Student Life, at 626-696-4020 or Geoff.shaw@providencecc.edu.

We are grateful with you that we serve a sovereign God who knows and controls all things and has promised us that all things must work together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. What comfort that gives to us in the midst of such uncertainty!

In Cristo Omnia Nova,

Jim Belcher
President