

### Covid-19 Update, March 18, 2020

- Eastern Maine Community College continues to monitor developments related to COVID-19 and is following the guidance of the Maine CDC and the Maine Community College System Response Team.
- All faculty have now developed and deployed their Instructional Continuity Plan and effective March 18, all courses are being delivered using distance education or other alternative delivery methods. Nick Runco, Mike Preble and Brian Doore are available to provide support and guidance as faculty adjust to these new methods of delivery.
- HR has developed a list of essential personnel to ensure continuity of services at the college who will be the only group of individuals granted access to campus buildings.
- IT worked diligently this week to provide faculty and staff the technology tools needed to teach and/or work in a remote environment. They continue to provide full support to help individuals troubleshoot technical issues during this rapid transition.
- Housekeeping continues to focus on sanitizing door knobs, handles, drinking fountains and other high touch surfaces on a daily basis, and are exploring options to do more deep cleaning now that all faculty, students and most staff have moved to a remote learning/teaching/working environment.
- Staff in Residential Life are assisting students pack up and move home for the remainder of the semester, and all students who need to leave campus will depart by the end of the day. A few requested exceptions have been granted for some students who can't depart campus until the end of the week, and a very small number approved to remain on campus.
- FLIK dining services has met with the staff in Residential Life to develop and deploy a food service option for the few students who will remain on campus. The plan involves at least four days of service augmented with prepacked food available for student pickup in the residential halls on day not serviced.
- Both Faculty Senate and College Senate indicated that everyone is doing what is expected of them in response to guidance from the college and CDC and stand ready to support the college.
- The communications department will work collaboratively with student leadership to develop information to educate, support and assist students. Their continues to be indications that younger individuals do not fully understand the gravity of the situation and the Response Team agreed to the following items:
  - Develop and distribute a bullet list to describe “current state” of EMCC
    - Classes online, campus buildings locked, services still available
  - Develop and deploy a weekly update to students which includes links to support services such as unemployment, food pantry's etc.
  - Work with student leaders to develop and distribute a brief informational video explaining why is it critical for young people to follow the CDC guidelines

The next scheduled update will be distributed on Wednesday, March 25