

Covid-19 Update, April 1, 2020

- Eastern Maine Community College continues to monitor developments related to COVID-19 and is following the guidance of the Maine CDC, Governor's Office and the Maine Community College System Response Team.
- Nick Runco demonstrated the faculty landing pages which serves as a clearinghouses of useful information, helpful teaching and learning resources, opportunities for engagement, and continuity of community that is vital as we move through the semester. Nick and Mike Preble are currently working on a parallel page for student focused resources.
- HR has provided links to webinars, trainings and other online resources to help faculty and staff stay physical and mentally healthy as well as productive during the Stay At Home order the Governor has put in place. All except a core group of employees are working and teaching remotely.
- IT continues to provide full support to help individuals troubleshoot technical issues and have set up processes in order to be able to provide support remotely.
- Housekeeping and Maintenance have begun deep cleaning and sanitizing classrooms, labs, and offices as those spaces become vacant with the goal of moving all remaining essential personnel to Maine Hall. Vacated buildings are sealed off once completely cleaned and sanitized.
- Staff in Residential Life are providing support and service to a very small number of residential students. They are also collaborating with WCCC to house one of their student who can't return home. They have also created some engagement activities on social media to keep students connected and hosted a digital event earlier this week.
- FLIK dining services has transitioned to prepackaged and non-perishable foods that are available to the resident students that remain on campus. All FLIK staff have been laid off with the exception of George who remains available for support and emergency situations.
- Nate from College Senate indicated that they continue to meet virtually and have resumed normal activities including reviewing policies and governance documents.
- Mariah Hughes is compiling a "Welcome Back" video showcasing faculty and staff who are lending support and encouragement to students as they return from break and pivot to alternative delivery methods. Mariah indicated that she has also been providing the system office with many of the resources EMCC has developed to support students for use across the system.
- Allegra from Student Senate indicated that many students have expressed how much they miss the social aspects of the campus but are adapting as best they can. She also mentioned that some are feeling overwhelmed and fearful about the pivot away from face-to-face classes.
- A collaborative team of Student Life, Enrollment, Student Success and other staff will begin contacting all students to check in, see how they are coping, pointing them toward available resources and will remain in regular contact throughout the course of the semester

The next scheduled update will be distributed on Wednesday, April 8