

Covid-19 Update, April 15, 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 student landing pages which serves as a clearinghouses of useful information, helpful learning resources, opportunities for engagement, and continuity of community that is vital as we move through the semester.
- HR has provided links to webinars, trainings and other online resources to help faculty and staff stay physically and mentally healthy as well as productive during the Stay At Home order the Governor has put in place. They also shared guidance on ergonomics while working from home. 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 a new Help Ticket processes in order to be able to provide support remotely. They are also developing a backup server farm to ensure continuity of services.
- Housekeeping and Maintenance have begun projects that normally would be completed during summer. Floor cleaning and waxing, deep cleaning, painting, office renovations and repairs are all underway.
- Staff in Residential Life are providing support and service to a very small number of residential students. 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 working in conjunction with the President's office and Development office to develop a "You are essential – We are EMCC" marketing campaign to highlight the high demand for graduates from EMCC programs.
- 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 and are working hard to keep up with their coursework.
- Ally from PTK indicated that students are thankful for the ongoing support from Student Success, their faculty and advisors. A collaborative team of Student Life, Enrollment, Student Success and other staff have been 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 22