Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

The health and safety of the PCC community is our top priority. In order to minimize the risk of the COVID-19 coronavirus on our campuses, we are taking several steps recommended by the Colorado Community College System. We have two guiding principles in determining these changes:

- We want to support student learning and maintain high-quality instruction. Our students have put tremendous efforts into their education and we will make sure that they are able to meet their educational requirements.

- We want to protect the health of our students, faculty, staff and communities. At this time there are no known COVID-19 cases in any of PCC’s service areas, but the risk of inaction on our part far outweighs any inconveniences we may experience.

The following operational changes will stay in effect through the rest of the spring semester. We will re-evaluate them once the semester ends.

**Remote learning**

Spring break will be extended by one week and will begin **Monday, March 16**. This extra week will allow us to transition most courses to remote learning so we can minimize the number of people on campus and practice social distancing with courses that will still need to be held in person. We will begin this new format on Monday, March 30. CCCOnline classes will continue as scheduled. PCC Online students should contact their instructor to see how the class will proceed.

Please note that all clinical rotations will continue as scheduled the week of March 16-20.

Some courses will not have a remote learning option – for example, nursing clinical rotations and welding. PCC deans will provide additional information to faculty and staff regarding these classes.

All students will receive specific instructions about their classes by March 27.

Students and instructors who do not have home Internet access will be able to use computers located on campus in our library and Learning Center.

**Campus operations**

All campuses will remain open with normal business hours. Employees should plan to continue with their regular work schedule unless notified otherwise.
The GPA Dining Room, Pueblo Joe’s and Recreation Center will be closed effective Monday, March 16.

The Panther Student Pantries on all campuses will re-open after spring break.

Limitations will be placed on large group gatherings. PCC administration will evaluate all scheduled functions on a case-by-case basis.

Registration for summer and fall classes is still scheduled to begin Monday, April 6 and students will be able to meet one-on-one with advisors on campus. They can also utilize web chat or call the Customer Solutions Center at 719-549-3200.

No decision has been made about PCC’s commencement ceremonies.

Updates

We know there will be questions and changes as we move forward. This is a new situation for all of us so you can expect updates as we make these transitions.

We will continue to communicate messages to the campus community through email, the myPCC Portal and the PCC website.

Students, faculty and part-time instructors should check D2L and their college email accounts regularly for updates.

As always, your health and safety remain paramount. Please take care of yourselves and your loved ones. If you or a family member are sick, please stay home and contact your doctor.

If you have questions, please contact me at Patricia.Erjavec@pueblocc.edu or email PCCCommunications@pueblocc.edu.

Thank you for your continued patience.

Sincerely,

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