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NOCCCD Responds to COVID-19

Anaheim, Calif. – While there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at the North Orange County Community College District or its campuses—Cypress College, Fullerton College, and North Orange Continuing Education—we are actively planning for various levels of a pandemic response.

On the advice of state and local officials, the decision was made today for all NOCCCD entities to limit in-person classes, and to explore various alternative delivery methods for instruction. We are also postponing or canceling non-essential mass gatherings to help protect public health and slow the spread of COVID-19.

Cypress College and Fullerton College will cancel classes Friday, March 13; Monday, March 16; and Tuesday, March 17 for planning, implementation, and staff training in online platforms. Classes will resume Wednesday, March 18. Students can expect to hear specific plans from the campuses and their instructors in the coming days. For the limited amount of classes that will continue to be taught in-person, measures will be taken to ensure the safety of students, faculty and staff through appropriate social distancing and sanitation methods. NOCE will cancel the majority of in-person classes for the Winter Term beginning on Monday, March 16. NOCE's 2020 Spring Term will start the week of April 13, 2020 utilizing remote (online) methods, as feasible.

Both colleges and NOCE have launched COVID-19 update webpages: Cypress College's can be accessed at <https://www.cypresscollege.edu/coronavirus/>; Fullerton College's is at

<https://coronavirus.fullcoll.edu/>; and NOCE's is at <https://noce.edu/coronavirus>. NOCCCD's COVID-19

webpages can be found at <https://www.nocccd.edu/coronavirus>. Regular communications will continue at the campus and District level throughout this crisis.

At this time, all District and campus offices will remain open, and employees will report to duty as normal. NOCCCD has suspended all non-essential travel for its employees until further notice and expanded online meeting capabilities to reduce in-person contact.

“We stand united with our staff, faculty, employees, and community to respond responsibly for the safety of all while continuing to provide quality education for our 77,000 students,” said NOCCCD Chancellor Cheryl Marshall. “We will get through this crisis together.”

NOCCCD Background

Two of the state’s premier colleges and most extensive continuing education program combine to provide the quality educational programming of the North Orange County Community College District (NOCCCD). Nearly 78,000 students enroll annually at Cypress College, Fullerton College, and North Orange Continuing Education. College students are able to shape their futures in programs leading to associate degrees, vocational certificates, and transfer opportunities. Life-long learning also is possible in continuing education programs that range from high school completion and basic skills mastery through an array of vocational training and self-development courses. The NOCCCD campuses serve an area of over one million diverse people – each pursuing their own, unique ambitions.

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