



### Coronavirus Response

#### KCC COVID-19 Update - March 17, 2020

KCC continues to monitor the coronavirus situation closely and to follow advice provided by the CDC, KDHE, and local authorities (Johnson County Department of Health and Environment - JCDHE). KCC's Pandemic Response Team and senior leadership continue to meet regularly to address issues as they arise and to enhance campus preparedness and we recognize that the situation is challenging and frustrating for everyone in our community. On Sunday, the Governor of Kansas banned public gatherings of 50+ until May 9. Additionally, the JCDHE issued an emergency order closing public and private schools until April 5. The CDC continues to update its recommendations regarding group gathering sizes.

In line with the decisions of local and state officials, here is the latest update from KCC:

- **KCC has extended the college spring break through Friday, March 27.**
- **KCC has suspended in-person classes and will institute virtual instruction for all residential courses beginning on Monday, March 30 and will continue in that format until further notice.** Students will receive further information and direction soon about what they will need to do. At this time, students should ensure they have access to Populi and their KCC email.
- Faculty will receive training the week of March 23-27 and will be prepared for the initiation of virtual instruction.
- The dormitory will reopen to resident students according to the original schedule. Limited dining services will resume as scheduled with breakfast on March 23. Pioneer College Caterers is modifying food serving practices to minimize the possibility of contamination by eliminating self-serve options. Dining services will be available to working faculty and staff.
- The library and student success center will be open following the extended spring break on March 30. Any adjustment to hours of operation at that time will be communicated.
- KCC facilities staff has implemented enhanced cleaning and disinfecting processes and procedures across the campus.

- Based upon news releases and guidance from both the NAIA and the NCCAA , all athletic events have been canceled for the rest of the Spring semester.
- KCC is operational, although we ask anyone exhibiting symptoms of fever, cough, or shortness of breath not to visit.
- There have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at KCC.
- There have been ten confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Johnson County as of Tuesday, March 17.
- There were 15 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Kansas as of Tuesday, March 17.
- KCC's Pandemic Response Team and senior leadership will continue to monitor the situation and make determinations about any adjustments as needed.

The following campus events have been canceled or postponed:

- KCC Ministry Formation Day scheduled for March 25 (Canceled)
- KCC Soup-N-Sing scheduled for April 17 (Canceled)
- KCC Awards Banquet scheduled for April 28 (Postponed until May 14)
- KCC and OCS Drama scheduled for May 1 and 2 (Postponed to 2020-2021 school year)

KCC also continues to ask those in our community to take all recommended steps to prevent illness. These include:

- Staying home if you are sick
- Covering coughs and sneezes
- Washing hands thoroughly
- Cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces.

Please visit the CDC's website with advice on how to [Protect Yourself](#) for further information.

More updates will follow as needed.

### Advice

- Please take time to **view** these two videos from the CDC and then closely follow the advice they provide. Total viewing time for the videos is under 4 minutes.
  - [What can I do to protect myself from COVID-19?](#)
  - [What You Need to Know About Handwashing](#)
- Clean your hands often.
  - **Wash your hands** often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds especially after you have been in a public place, or after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
  - If soap and water are not readily available, **use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol**. Cover all surfaces of your hands and rub them together until they feel dry.

- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth** with unwashed hands.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
  - **Cover your mouth and nose** with a tissue when you cough or sneeze or use the inside of your elbow.
  - **Throw used tissues** in the trash.
  - Immediately **wash your hands**.
- Clean and disinfect.
  - **Clean AND disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.** This includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets, and sinks.
  - **If surfaces are dirty, clean them:** Use detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection.
- If you are experiencing symptoms,
  - **Stay home** except to get medical care. Do **NOT** attend classes or other events and do **NOT** come into work. Absence policies for both students and employees will be relaxed during this period. Please err on the side of staying in or staying home. **Students or employees should not return to classes or work until they have been free of fever and other symptoms for at least 24 hours.**
  - If your symptoms are severe or worsening, visit a doctor's office. **Call ahead** prior to your visit, so that they can take appropriate precautions.
  - **Wear a facemask if you are sick** and around other people or going to the doctor. You do not need to wear a facemask otherwise, unless you are caring for a sick person who is unable to wear a facemask.

## **Travel**

If you travel outside of the KC area during spring break, be aware that federal or local authorities may institute travel restrictions that would require you to self-quarantine or otherwise delay you from returning to campus. This is especially true for those who engage in international travel.

The [Centers for Disease Control](#) issues Travel Health Notices to inform travelers about current health issues that impact travelers' health, like disease outbreaks, in specific international destinations. There are three levels of warning with [Warning - Level 3](#) being to avoid all non-essential travel to a destination because there is an outbreak of high risk to travelers and no precautions are available to protect against the identified increased risk. If students, faculty or staff travel to a country with a CDC travel [Warning - Level 3](#) or an area experiencing widespread or sustained transmission of COVID-19, upon return they will be asked to **self-quarantine at their permanent residence or at an off campus location for 14 days before they can return to campus.** Travelers could also be subject to assessment by federal health officials at airports upon re-entry into the U.S. In addition, Kansas health officials could restrict traveler's movement within the community