

IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO STUDENTS

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Passaic County Community College continues to monitor the worldwide outbreak of the coronavirus, known as COVID-19. We are working closely with local, state, and federal health agencies for updated information and necessary precautions to maintain a safe health environment.

As we approach Spring Break, we are asking students who choose to travel to countries with a high risk of Coronavirus to observe the CDC travel advisory found on the CDC website (*link: wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/notices*).

For those that have traveled to countries and regions identified by CDC as “high risk level 3 or 2” to review, and adhere to, the CDC guidelines set forth in the following link:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/after-travel-precautions.html>

I urge everyone to cooperate to mitigate the impact of the virus and to practice good personal hygiene. Please closely follow the current CDC guidelines which are as follows:

- **If you are sick – stay home! If you are concerned about your attendance or your mid-terms, please contact your faculty member and copy me at sgoldstein@pccc.edu**
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
 - If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty.

For more information call the NJ Coronavirus Call Center at (800) 222-1222 or visit our info page at <https://newweb.pccc.edu/coronavirus/>

For additional information, please refer to the New Jersey Department of Health website:

<https://www.nj.gov/health/cd/topics/ncov.shtml>

I am receiving many emails regarding College closure and virtual learning. I will update you early next week with more information. Please read your PCCC emails each day for updates, check the College website and look for guidance from your faculty.

Thank you in advance for helping all of us stay safe and well.

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