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Dear Student:

This week, the coronavirus was classified by the World Health Organization (WHO) as a pandemic, with exponential increases in its impact around the world. The number of cases has increased in California and in San Diego. Although there have been no confirmed cases within the San Diego Community College District (SDCCD) as of yet, we believe that it is just a matter of time before that occurs.

To help ensure the safety of students, employees, and the local community, we are moving toward the overall closure of in-person operations of the San Diego Community College District in favor of remote operations, with the exception of some essential services (which will be outlined in a separate message). This will pertain to the District Office, City, Mesa, and Miramar colleges, and Continuing Education. This is a complex undertaking and there will be much communication about this next week.

As of today, San Diego City, Mesa and Miramar Colleges and Continuing Education will do the following:

- Effective **Monday, March 16, all classes are canceled.** No students are to come to campus. CCAP Dual Enrollment and ACP classes that are offered by our colleges at local high schools are also canceled (note: most of the school districts will also be closed, including the San Diego Unified School District).
- Effective **Monday, March 23, classes will resume** and will be taught in a remote/alternative modality. Almost 70% of classes, districtwide, have already been converted to this format and the rest will need to be adapted. This is particularly challenging for science classes and laboratory classes. However, video formats and other strategies are being explored. Working with our high school partners, we intend for CCAP and ACP courses to go online at this time. There is no knowledge of when, or if, on-campus instruction will resume during the spring semester.

We realize, as students, many questions remain regarding course completion, graduation, financial aid, veteran benefits, and access to counseling and other resources. You will be notified as soon as we understand the progress of this virus and how we will be able to provide services to you. Please ensure your email address is up to date (<http://my.sdccd.edu>) and check it often.

Thank you for your support and continued patience as we deal with the specifics of this enormous crisis and challenge.

