

Special Edition: Coronavirus Communication 8

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Good Evening:

Almost all of the Executive Cabinet members listened to Congressman Dan Kildee's Town Hall Meeting last night. They report more than 13,000 were on the call. The overall message for the Town Hall was the importance of social distancing to decrease the spread of the virus. Congressman Kildee encouraged small business owners to apply for the emergency relief loans that can be found on the [SBA's Disaster Loan Assistance Website here](#).

Residents were allowed to share concerns about unemployment processing times, emergency relief funding, mortgage relief, water shutoff solutions, and layoffs. Everyone was encouraged to volunteer and help someone else affected by the crisis.

This morning I signed the MOU with the Red Cross. Ballenger Field House is now a temporary emergency disaster relief facility for the area.

Today was a day of firsts for me. At noon, I had the opportunity to swear in our new Chief of Police, which is a requirement for the State. A ceremonial swearing-in exercise will take place at our next face-to-face Board of Trustees Meeting.

I was pleased to watch Respiratory Therapy Program Coordinator Kathy Gurin and RT faculty member Helen Grim on ABC12 explain how MCC faculty are supporting students' success through telelearning experiences. They represented MCC well. [Click here to view the video clip](#).

Thank you for all the suggestions submitted today.

Suggestion 1

Gather student outcome data on our new alternative learning experiences.

Suggestion 2

Loan students webcam-equipped laptops and provide Comcast's free broadband access.

Suggestion 3

Offer to the Red Cross one of our MCC facilities for a needed blood drive in the community.

Suggestion 4

All healthy individuals should consider giving blood to the Red Cross to make sure they don't run out at this critical time.

Suggestion 5

Work with Hurley Medical Center to offer drive-through COVID-19 testing.

Tonight, I was invited to observe one of our faculty's trial telecourse sessions tomorrow using Zoom teleconferencing. I am excited to be a part of the trial run before we start on Monday.

I end with [attaching a student-created video](#) that was emailed to students announcing that Mott Eats and UAW members will be available to deliver food to student homes next week.

Have a great rest of the evening! We are truly Mott Strong!

Looking Forward,

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