

# Special Edition: Coronavirus Communication 12

March 25, 2020

Good Evening:

I attended the McLaren-Flint Board of Trustees Meeting this afternoon. The COVID-19 numbers in the State are increasing exponentially. They believe Michigan is in the early stages of the pandemic and say that we need to prepare for the marathon. It will not be a sprint. Please stay at home as much as possible and practice social distancing.

On another note, I spoke with the Governor's office earlier today to get clarification on the "Stay home, Stay safe" order. It came to my attention this morning, that some of our employees had been stopped by police who were requesting a letter that shows they are a critical employee at a business. The Governor's office stated that is not part of the order and should not be occurring. They stated they would give further clarification to law enforcement agencies statewide.

The Foundation for MCC staff has been working to set up ways to give monetary donations to support our students and our local hospitals. As you read yesterday, we have already distributed 12 Student Emergency Fund grants since last week. We know that we will need more funds to help our students through this crisis. You should have received an email this morning from the Foundation for MCC President, Lennetta Coney, sharing the student need. The Foundation is also creating a fund to support our local hospitals during the pandemic. Please look for that information later this week.

I received a number of suggestions and recommendations from our colleagues today:

Suggestion #1

*Donate toilet paper, liquid soap, and food from the culinary department to the homeless shelters.*

Suggestion #2

*Volunteer after work hours on your personal time to make much-needed face masks for local nursing homes, ambulance stations, and firehouses. Please keep in mind this opportunity is not sponsored by MCC. **Please contact Debbie Lawler if you would like to help make these masks on your own time.***

Suggestion #3

*Volunteer during work hours to support our MCC Advisors' efforts to contact students who have not shown up for the new telelearning class experience. **Please contact Jennifer McDonald if you are interested in contacting students.***

Suggestions #4

*Allow students to use the MCC Library drop-box as a second option for mailing back textbook rentals at the end of the Winter semester.*

Suggestion #5

*Offer no-cost childcare for essential workers only. The childcare experience would be week to week. Parents would check children in and out without entering the Center. Extra cleaning would need to occur.*

MCC has approximately 120 courses that cannot be converted into an alternative delivery format. Today, I appointed a Winter Term Completion Workgroup, chaired by Dr. Madonna Carpenter-Jackson and Dr. Rebecca Myszenski, to create and recommend a plan to me that will support the completion of lab/clinical/workforce/LERTA classes for the Winter 2020 term. Members of the group include:

Jjenna Andrews  
Rich Boruszewski  
Rob Dudock  
Anar Guru  
Jim Jennings  
Melissa Lesiewicz  
David Livingston  
Marcus Matthews  
Michelle Montpas  
Carol Nielsen  
Tom Shuler  
Frank Sobie  
Tara Spencer

Last Friday evening, MCC Chemistry Faculty member Dr. Ron Stamper, discussed on ABC12 chemicals and products that can be used for cleaning/disinfecting purposes at home. He is another great example of MCC's reach in our community. Great job!  
<https://www.abc12.com/content/news/Cleaning-Chemistry-What-You-Should-and-Shouldnt-Mix-568981861.html>

Please don't forget to join us for the Virtual All-Employee College Meeting, Thursday, 3-5 p.m.  
Live Stream: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/mott-college-tv>  
The meeting will be recorded.

Looking Forward!

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