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Good Afternoon:

I hope this has been a good day teleworking. It is really surprising how fast the day goes when you are working remotely. Zoom is really providing a good way to stay connected. Please remember with all technology it is critically important to maintain strict guidelines that keep your meetings secure. As you use Zoom, please do three things to increase your security measures:

1. Require a password for scheduled meetings.
2. Utilize the waiting room feature for allowing meeting participants to enter the session.
3. Lock down the meeting once all participants have joined the session.

Tomorrow at 2:30 p.m, please plan to join Human Resources for the first weekly Bear Pause. This is the first of several weekly virtual forums that I discussed in Monday's Communication. Each session will feature a topic, but open question and answer periods will take place so you can get your burning questions answered in a timely manner. The topic for tomorrow's meeting is the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. An email has been sent from Human Resources with the virtual connection information.

Institutional Research has submitted annual data to IPEDS and the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). The IPEDS fall enrollment data is an important submission that is the primary linkage with several IPEDS surveys, the common data set, Higher Learning Commission reports, and other compliance measures. The Higher Learning Commission 2019-2020 Institutional Update submitted allows colleges to verify key position and financial ratios.

MCC will have a 100% online summer term this year due to concerns about the spread of the coronavirus. The 12-week session will take place May 26 – August 20. I appreciate all who worked in ensuring that MCC offers the best summer experience it can.

Suggestions:

Send out notifications to students reminding them to take a few minutes to check their contact information and make sure it is up to date. This will assist with better communication for students when attempting to support them during the crisis.

The College could donate toilet paper and paper towels to students and staff.

While writing this, I just saw Respiratory Therapy Program Coordinator, Kathy Gurin on ABC12 evening news sharing about the MCC Health Sciences ventilators that were loaned to our local

hospitals. Great job Kathy! We really stepped up to the call thanks to your foresight and leadership.

Mayor Sheldon Neeley has just announced that the city of Flint is now under a curfew and Governor Whitmer just declared a State of Disaster for Michigan. Please watch the Governor's Town Hall Meeting tonight on ABC12 at 7 p.m.

Looking forward!

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