

## Special Edition: Coronavirus Communication 66

June 19, 2020

Good Friday Afternoon:

I have reviewed the questions and comments submitted for the draft MCC Reopening Plan. Thank you to all who submitted changes, questions and thoughts. I have made the appropriate changes to the reopening documents and attached them to this Communication for your review. The few changes requested provided a clearer message for the reader. Strongly recommended nitrile/vinyl gloves in the MCC Standards have been removed after consultation with MCC Medical Director, Dr. Russell Bush. The recommendation for using gloves will be covered during the MCC Reopening Training. I have compiled below the questions answered with the answers.

*The Governor discussed all public schools reopening this fall barring no resurgence of major spikes in COVID-19. Does that mean that Mott College might reopen with face-to-face class meetings again or am I misunderstanding the Governor's words?*

**During the fall semester, most of our classes will be virtual or have a virtual component. There will be some face-to-face courses offered due to the program requirements.**

*I'm wondering if there will be a process for reporting noncompliance. What to do when... Also, perhaps a simple script for responding to students who express negative comments.*

**Reporting noncompliance will be a part of the MCC Reopening Training.**

*This may have already been covered, but let me offer the idea while we are still in the analysis phase. I just got this information last night. My friend has been doing significant research and has offered many suggestions while we have been going through this phase. I have read multiple articles that the virus is shed in bodily fluids such as tears, saliva, semen and feces. If MCC has not already, toilet seat covers would be helpful in stopping the virus from becoming airborne in bathrooms.*

**Dr. Bush has stated that the College should not embark upon placing seat back covers on toilets. The CDC information website as of June 4, 2020 has not stated this is a strategy to mitigate risk for COVID-19.**

*I was thinking that the FAQs at the end of the student session would be good to share with staff/faculty since some might come into contact with students who have those questions. I found it very helpful to have those questions and answers.*

**The MCC Reopening Student FAQs developed for the Student Bear Pause session is attached to this Communication.**

*Will we be having designated trash cans for the disposal of the masks and gloves so they aren't all mixed in with other trash?*

**Facilities will work with MCC consultants H2A to determine the best way to dispose of masks and gloves on campus.**

*I was also thinking about linking some of the public transit website pages to our COVID page, even though they may be changing. I think it would help create a link to resources for students/staff who may get those questions.*

**This is a great idea. Please work with Dale Weighill, AVP for Institutional Advancement to get these additions added to the MCC Reopening webpage.**

Institutional Advancement will be working on changing the MCC COVID-19 webpage over to the MCC Reopening webpage. The staff is creating visuals and official announcements of the plan to be posted to the site. An announcement will be made when the MCC Reopening webpage is ready to keep you current with all things concerning reopening.

Please do not forget that we will have the June All-Employee College Meeting, June 25, 3 - 5 p.m. You can view the session through livestream: <https://video.ibm.com/channel/mott-college-tv>. Questions can be submitted until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 24 to [questions@mcc.edu](mailto:questions@mcc.edu).

I watched from a very young age my father trying to trace the Walker family tree. It was a very difficult task back then, especially if you were African American. Family was critically important to him and he pushed to gather as much information so that his children could understand their roots. There were a lot of dead ends, but he continued to push as genealogy became more popular and opened more doors for information sources. After his death, I began to review his scribbles and notes about our family tree and continue on his quest. I found the same frustrations that he did when attempting to find information about ancestors who had been enslaved. As technology advanced and more states provided data online, it became easier to locate family ancestry information. My father's passion became mine as I spent hours, that turned into days, reading documents that revealed the keys to my existence.

Juneteenth is a special day in my family because the date honors my great-grandparents' freedom, who were slaves in the rural area of Corsicana, TX. They wanted to leave Texas and find a better life. Two of the Walker brothers married two sisters and made the long journey across the Red River to what is now known as Southeastern Oklahoma. The couples were obviously hopeful as they sought to raise their families in an ideal land that had not been tainted with slavery. Through the genealogy documents, you see the journey of the Walker family and recognize the perseverance, strength, and faith that kept them as they endured and withstood inequities, bias and racism.

Through it all, they believed that education was the greatest equalizer. Mott Community College was created on that same premise. C.S. Mott donated the land for the construction of our campus because he wanted to give all children, not certain children, the ability to have a college education without having to leave this area.

So today I honor my ancestors in a celebration of hope, steadfastness, and courage to ensure that MCC continues to be a stable foundation, safe haven, and anchor institution for Flint and Genesee County residents.

Happy Juneteenth!

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