



# SADDLEBACK COLLEGE

*Covid-19 Update sent via email on Sunday, March 15, 2020 at 10:10 pm*

Dear Students,

Due to the rising incidence of Covid-19 and growing consensus about limiting contacts and increasing social distancing to rapidly lower the rate of transmission, the South Orange County Community College District has declared a state of emergency and ordered the campus closed to the public, effective at 6 am, Monday, 3/16. For further information, please visit the District's website at [www.socccd.edu](http://www.socccd.edu).

This is Spring break for students and faculty. Many faculty are working, nonetheless, to move as much instruction as we can to online by 3/23, when classes resume.

Our campus is using social distancing principles in all meetings and conversations. We have heightened cleaning routines for all commonly touched surfaces. When some labs and studio classes resume on campus on 3/23 (those unable to move online), we will observe social distancing principles in those spaces. Computer labs and the Learning Resource Center will open for computer and WiFi access but with "every other" seating.

I am grateful to the 1,400 employees of this College who are doing everything possible to maintain learning continuity for our 26,000 students. And I thank our amazing students for their patience as we zig and zag in the face of an ever-shifting ground, to protect everyone's well-being and ensure that they stay on their educational pathways and achieve their goals.

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