

March 18, 2020

Dear KVCC Students, Faculty, and Staff:

I hope that you are all settling in as comfortably as can be expected. KVCC is focusing on getting the college community ready for the transition.

Moving large numbers of courses to online and distance learning over just a few days is an enormous undertaking, one that has required hard work, dedication, and creativity on the part of our faculty and staff.

I am profoundly grateful to everyone at KVCC who has made such a migration possible in such a short amount of time.

KVCC has made tremendous progress; by Monday, March 23, all lecture-based courses will be delivered online.

As you can imagine, the greatest challenge has been our courses that require extensive hands-on instruction and those with off-campus practicums, internships, or clinicals that have been cancelled.

In these instances, faculty and staff continue to explore and develop alternate methods of instruction and assessment that would enable students to gain full (or partial) credit for the course either this semester or through an extension of the semester.

However, students should be aware that no courses will continue to meet with face-to-face instruction and that some courses may have to be suspended. If that is the case, the college will work with each student to assess their options and develop steps for course completion.

The plan going forward at Kennebec Valley Community College:

- Faculty will use college email and Blackboard to communicate with students.
- Faculty will be communicating their individual course status and any plans by Thursday of this week (tomorrow, March 18).
- Students, faculty, and staff must read their KVCC email each day. For those of you who do not regularly read email, I urge you to begin right away. Text messaging and social media will be used, but much of the specific information you need will be communicated by email and Blackboard.
- Students can access the status of their classes by contacting the relevant faculty member or program chair by email.
- Students will be able to ask general questions to the KVCC Student Services personnel for one hour in the morning and one in the afternoon. They will post an announcement by email and on the KVCC Facebook page indicating how you can participate in these sessions.

Thanks to all of you for your cooperation, understanding, and kindness to each other as we move forward with this transition.

With every good wish,



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President