



## **College Update**

Tuesday, March 17, 2020

### **SPRING BREAK EXTENDED March 23 – March 27, 2020**

In response to the rapidly evolving situation with COVID-19 and to maximize social distancing to slow transmission, all classes at Jones College and the Jones College County Centers (Advanced Technology Center, Clarke, Greene, Jasper, and Wayne) are canceled for March 23- 27, 2020, the week that students were scheduled to return from Spring Break. Beginning Monday, March 30, 2020, and until further notice, the college will hold all classes and related coursework online.

#### **Operational Timeframe**

The timeframe for this approach is open-ended; however, the administration will monitor this approach continuously with the hope of returning to normal operations before the end of the spring semester.

#### **Academic Programs**

Academic Programs will receive direction from your faculty instructors regarding specific instructions for the transition to online learning.

#### **Career and Technical Education Programs**

Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs will continue in a modified format. CTE students will be contacted by the program's lead instructor on class specifics moving forward.

#### **Preparing to Learn from Home**

Students should check their college issued email daily for instructor directions, available support resources, and operational updates. Students should also review their access to technology resources, specifically internet and computer access. A follow-up email will be sent later this week with technology support for the student community.

#### **Guidance for Faculty and Employees**

Faculty, staff, and other employees are expected to work during this period and practice social distancing. All instructional employees are to continue moving all instructional content to an online Learn-from-Home format during the week of March 23-27, 2020. Essential College Personnel will continue to work on campus according to college safety protocols. Employees will be notified by their direct supervisor by Friday, Monday 20, 2020, about instructions for the week of March 23-27, 2020.

#### **Campus Events, Activities, and Gatherings**

Effective immediately, all college-sponsored events will be canceled or postponed until further notice. Please look for announcements from event coordinators and contact them if you have questions.

We encourage administrative gatherings and large meetings to be conducted by tele/web conference and keep in-person meetings to an absolute minimum. We will explore options to enable certain events to be held virtually.