



Campus Update **Friday, March 20, 2020**

Campus Operations

Jones College is currently on our regularly scheduled Spring Break, March 16 – March 20, 2020. Spring Break has been extended for students an additional week, March 23 – March 27, 2020. Beginning Monday, March 30, 2020, and until further notice, the college will hold all classes and related coursework online. Throughout the next week, students will receive communication through their JC email on how to login to Canvas, Jones College's online learning management system, as well as how to connect with student support tools.

All Jones College facilities are closed to the public until further notice. Only essential college personnel and approved guests are allowed on campus during the campus closure.

Dual Credit

Academic Classes

- Dual credit classes currently taught in an online format will continue as normal. If you have any questions, please contact your instructor.
- Dual credit classes taught by your high school teacher have been suspended until you return to school under normal operations. If you have any questions, please contact your teacher.
- Dual credit classes taught at the county centers will transition to fully online beginning March 30, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact your instructor.

Career & Technical Education Classes

- Dual credit classes currently taught at your high school/vo-tech campus have been suspended until you return to school under normal operations. If you have any questions, please contact your Instructor.
- Dual credit classes taught at the county centers have been suspended until you return to your high school under normal operations. If you have any questions, please contact your instructor.

Please continue to check your Jones College email for updates to campus operations.

Employees

- Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi Insurance, in accordance with the recently signed federal law, will waive any applicable deductibles, coinsurance, and/or copays normally collected from Plan participants for charges associated with the COVID-19 testing. In addition, participant copays for telemedicine (online provider) visits will be waived during this time to facilitate (both physically and economically) patients getting the care they need without further exposing themselves and/or their providers to the risk of contracting or spreading the virus.
- The President's Office and Executive Vice President's will send the work assignments for the week of March 23 rd , Sunday, March 22, 2020. Essential college personnel who will be allowed to work from the campus will be identified. Before the work assignments are posted, notify by email your Executive Vice President if you have had any of the following experiences.

- If you have spent public time in an area where there are confirmed cases
 - If you have been in an airport
 - If you spent time at a theme park, on a cruise ship, at a concert, or in a large crowd of people in close proximity
 - If you exhibit any of the symptoms of the coronavirus
 - If any of the above is true for your spouse or your children (and you have been with them)
 - If you have a condition whereby you have a weakened immune system or you are, for whatever reason, more susceptible to illnesses similar to the coronavirus
 - If you are at risk based upon any other risk-factors identified by the CDC or Mississippi Department of Health
- Based upon an abundance of caution please use your best judgement to self-quarantine at home. In order to effectively self-quarantine the CDC recommends, staying home; using standard hygiene and washing hands frequently; having no visitors; and staying at least six feet away from other people in your household.
 - Consult with your supervisor regarding how you can Work-from-Home. You may be reassigned to a different work-assignment during self-quarantine. Your Executive Vice President must be notified by you or your supervisor before Monday, March 23, 2020.
 - If you need to self-quarantine, please limit your physical and proximate interaction with others, even if you don't feel sick. At this point, your self-quarantine will not impact your leave time or pay based upon the emergency declaration from the Governor's Office.

Enrollment

2020 Summer and Fall open enrollment that was scheduled to begin Wednesday, March 25, has been delayed until Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

Events

All events hosted by Jones College or in a Jones College facility have been suspended indefinitely.

All Spring Athletics have been canceled by NJCAA.

Financial Aid

On Monday, March 23, 2020, the Office of Financial Aid at Jones College will resume business hours to assist students and parents that have questions and concerns regarding state aid disbursements, student refunds, and federal and/or state student aid eligibility. Students can contact the Office of Financial Aid any time by email at fin.aid@jcdc.edu.

Graduation

The Jones College Graduation Commencement Ceremonies scheduled for Friday, May 8, 2020, have been postponed at this time.

Internet Options

The following resources are potential solutions for students needing internet access at home. Jones College does not endorse and cannot verify terms and pricing of third-party providers; however, the college is providing this information to assist students searching for possible solutions.

- Xfinity: Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country will be available to anyone who needs them for free, including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers.

- Comcast: Low-income families who are new customers and live in a Comcast service area may sign up for 60 days of complimentary Internet Essentials service, which is normally available to all qualified low-income households for \$9.95/month.
- AT&T: All AT&T consumer home internet wireline and fixed wireless internet customers can use unlimited data. AT&T also offers Internet service to qualifying low-income households for \$10.00/month through Access from AT&T.

Unlimited Data Offers

Comcast and AT&T both announced they would waive data caps and keep public Wi-Fi hotspots open for all. To locate the nearest Xfinity Wi-Fi hotspots, enter an address on the Xfinity Wi-Fi hotspot map. For AT&T, use the AT&T Smart Wi-Fi app to find and save hotspots.

T-Mobile also stated it will upgrade all current customers to "unlimited smartphone data for the next 60 days (excluding roaming)." This applies to any T-Mobile plan or Metro by T-Mobile prepaid plan that has a monthly data cap. Additionally, T-Mobile said it is giving all customers "an additional 20 GB of mobile hotspot/tethering service for the next 60 days."

Sprint, which is being acquired by T-Mobile, is taking identical steps.

Mobile Campus Clinic

The Jones College Campus Clinic will offer mobile services to our campus community (students and employees) beginning Monday, March 23, 2020, until further notice. The Mobile Clinic will operate Monday – Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment with Mobile Clinic, send an email to CampusClinic@jcjc.edu.

Students

- Spring Break is extended an additional week for all Jones College students. Monday, March 30, 2020, all classes will begin in the Learn from Home format. Individual course instructions will be provided by your class instructor through email and Canvas.
- Continue to check your JC email address for official updates and communication concerning the new Learn from Home Model.
- Begin to review your access to technology resources, specifically internet and computer access.
- Housing residents who have post office boxes in the Student Union may access these on Monday, March 23 and Tuesday, March 24, preferably immediately after your appointment time in housing. Please only approach the mailboxes one person at a time. The mail window will be open if you need to retrieve a package. If you want to surrender your key, you may do so during this time at the mail window or leave the key with the resident manager in your building.
- Specific questions or concerns about the Learn from Home model can be sent to LearnfromHome@jcjc.edu.

Student Housing

Campus housing will remain closed for the remainder of Spring Semester. The public health imperative to maintain social distancing and avoid large gatherings creates a challenge for our on-campus residents to retrieve their belongings safely from our residence halls. In order to comply with this effort, the college has developed an appointment-based system for students to return to campus to retrieve personal belongings. Residents will be allowed on campus (by appointment) on Monday, March 23, 2020, and Tuesday, March 24, 2020, to remove all items from assigned rooms. More information regarding this process will be available through the resident's housing Canvas Shell. Residents MUST sign-in through the Canvas Link and will only be allowed access to their room during the appointment time period. Please do not come to campus unless you have an appointment to remove your contents from housing.

If you have additional questions regarding housing or extenuating circumstances, please send your questions to housing@jcc.edu.