

Dear Union County College Community,

For the first time in a few days, I don't have an announcement about changes to our operations. As you know, we closed our campus buildings as of 6pm last night and our students are being instructed online through Canvas, and our staff is working remotely. This remains in place until further notice.

I want to emphasize that we are ***not closed***. We may not be able to be on campus right now, but we are all very much still open because our students are engaged in learning, our faculty are instructing, and our staff is working to support our students, our employees, and the functions of the College.

We are doing the business of the College, just using a different approach.

In some positive news, we are not aware of any diagnosed cases of COVID-19 within our College community. I want to emphasize again how important it is to ***stay at home*** and ***practice social distancing***. We do this for our own health but also the health of the elderly, those with chronic medical conditions, and to prevent the rush of infections which would seriously overburden our healthcare system.

We are a community. We have to protect each other.

Students, we are here for you. If you are in need, please reach out. I cannot emphasize this enough.

- Trouble in your class? Issue with a deadline? Communicate with your instructor. They are here to help you.
- Tutoring at the ALC? Email alc@ucc.edu.
- Help with Canvas? Email ucconline@ucc.edu.
- Need access to a computer device or internet in order to do your class instruction via Canvas? Call the hotline at 908-709-7988 (or 908-709-7989 for assistance in Spanish).
- In need of food, internet, or other basic needs? Email leeann.trott@ucc.edu or call her at 908-591-8408.
- Something not on this list? Call the main College number at 908-709-7000. It is being answered live. After hours voicemails will be returned promptly.

Employees, if you are in need of any assistance or having difficulty during this time, you should reach out to our Human Resources department. They are here to help you.

We'll post important updates on the website and via these Broadcast emails, but I also encouraged you to follow the College on social media: [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

I'll continue to keep you updated. For now, take care of yourselves. Stay rested. Engage in some physical activity. Video chat with a friend. Catch up on a TV show you enjoy. But most important, stay safe.

Sincerely,

Dr. Margaret M. McMenamain
President