

Dear Union County College Community,

Today looks a lot brighter than yesterday did – literally. The sunshine today is a much better backdrop than the dreary rain from yesterday. If you're able to, try to go for a walk or to sit outside. The fresh air and sunshine is certainly welcome.

Cases

I'm happy to share that there have been no additional reported cases of COVID-19 from within the College Community since yesterday.

I would like to update you on the student who self-reported their positive diagnosis as I shared in my email last night. This student has not been on campus since March 6, which is beyond the 2-14 day incubation period for infection. Additionally, a student self-reported that a family member within their home tested positive, and the student is currently self-isolating.

Please note that moving forward, I will provide updates on COVID-19 cases within our community via emails which are also posted at www.ucc.edu/coronavirus instead of by text alert.

Students

Again, I want to emphasize that we are here to help you.

Tutors at the ALC are standing by to help you in your classes. Visit the ALC Tutoring Shell on Canvas for more information. Questions? Email alc@ucc.edu.

Need assistance with advising, financial aid, or any other student service needs? The One Stop is open – remotely! Call any of the following numbers:

- Cranford 908-709-7500
- Elizabeth 908-965-6050
- Plainfield 908-412-3550

Communicate with your instructors and/or call our hotline at 908-709-7988 (or 908-709-7989 for assistance in Spanish). Anything else? Call 908-709-7000 for assistance.

Faculty and Instructional Staff

Please continue to support and teach your students. Your responsiveness and encouragement are making a difference with them. If any student is not logging on, send their name and CWID to Donnell Clement at donnell.clement@ucc.edu. Donnell is leading our newly formed task force called the Students who are Not Logging Onto Canvas or SNLOC Taskforce. They will call these students and help sort out what the problem is logging on. Also, if when engaging your students they surface a need for assistance with technology, WiFi access, food, shelter, basic needs, please send student's name, CWID, and issue to the Student Assistance Taskforce led by our MSW Social Worker LeeAnn Trott at leeann.trott@ucc.edu. We want to help... One student at a time.

Employees

I continue to emphasize that we are here to help you. You are our most valuable resource to ensuring that students have what they need to succeed and the College is functional. The HR team will be reaching out to all employees by phone to check in and see how you are doing. However, if you or your family is having difficulty, you need not wait for a call and you should contact Karlene Rambaran in HR at 908-709-7144. We are here for you. This includes confidential assistance.

I will keep you all updated. No new major announcements today. Please continue to take care of yourselves. Stay at home, wash your hands, and be safe.

Sincerely,
Dr. Margaret M. McMenamain
President