

March 14, 2020

Dear NEC Community,

We want to provide some clarification on the information provided by President Perkins in yesterday's communication to the community.

With regard to students remaining on campus:

1. Obviously, our preference is that all students use their best judgement in limiting their exposure to circumstances that might expose them to the COVID-19 virus.
2. We understand some local travel is unavoidable. But, please do all you can to minimize that travel and to avoid large gatherings while you continue to practice social distancing.
3. Students choosing to remain on campus will not be locked out of their residence halls if they do engage in local travel for short periods of time.
4. Classes on Monday and Tuesday will not be held. That said, faculty will be reaching out to you (if they haven't done so already) about the transition to a remote class.
5. Students have Monday and Tuesday to access studios, labs, their libraries, etc. to prepare for the transition. Again, if you have questions about your work and/or your class, please reach out to your faculty member.
6. As noted in yesterday's announcement, we will be consolidating dining services to Gilmore Dining Hall in Henniker. Dining operations in Manchester will continue as normal. Students can continue to use their meal plans, can use their Flex Cash to purchase meals, or can use cash if they do not have a meal plan or want extra meals. Additionally, restaurants in Henniker and Manchester remain open as do convenience and grocery stores within relatively short walks.

For our students electing to leave campus:

1. For the purpose of this policy any student who is planning to leave or has already left must contact reslife@nec.edu. Students who choose to stay on campus should not engage in extended or overnight away trips from campus. But, if you plan to be away for an extended period and/or plan to remain away until the April 3rd, 2020 date, please do let us know via the email above.

2. Students leaving campus temporarily (work, an appointment, visiting friends, etc.) do not need to notify the college and will be allowed to return to their residence hall.
3. Students who indicate they are planning to leave campus will not be permitted to return before April 3rd.
4. As noted in the President's announcement, the senior team and President will update the community no later than April 3, 2020 about whether or not we will resume normal face-to-face instruction. At that time we will also update the community about plans for events like Spotlight on Students, Awards Night, Senior Exhibition, and Commencement.
5. If a decision is made to return to face-to-face instruction, students unable to return to campus due to distance and/or cost will have the opportunity to apply for an exception to be made and may be allowed to continue their education remotely.

Regards,

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President