



March 19, 2020 | 10:00pm

Dear Students,

A quickly evolving situation regarding COVID-19 is forcing **Lake Tahoe Community College (LTCC) to move to a near-total campus closure starting Friday, March 20**. This means that the **entire campus will be closed to students**, the public, and most college employees effective immediately. We realize this is a different direction than the email you received earlier today. New developments require LTCC to make this change.

This unfortunately means canceling final exams that were planned for Friday. Faculty will reach out to these affected students to make different arrangements. Check your student email for updates. Online finals and assignments due next week will continue as planned unless you receive different direction from your faculty member.

Counseling staff is on hand to discuss your educational goals and how to move forward successfully, or to work through issues you may be having. You can email them at enrollment@ltcc.edu to arrange a phone call. Or, you can arrange for a virtual counseling session via the Cranium Café, an online counseling service portal. [Click here to make your Cranium Café appointment online](#). Before joining the meeting, test your webcam and microphone settings via [a Pre-Meeting Check site](#). Video meetings work best with either Chrome or Firefox web browsers. Free online resources like this can be found at www.ltcc.edu/virtualcampus.

College leadership understands this is an unsettling change that will cause real disruption, but it is absolutely necessary to take the step to close right now. Governor Gavin Newsom [issued a shelter-in-place order](#) Thursday evening for all Californians that took effect immediately. El Dorado County also issued [a shelter-in-place directive](#) that asks county residents to remain in their residences to the fullest extent possible. What these directives mean for all of us is that we are to remain at home except for “essential activities” to combat the spread of COVID-19.

We know all of this isn't easy – there's a global pandemic underway, and we're all concerned for our families, loved ones, our country, and all of those affected by this virus around the world. Having to abruptly shift how you live your life and how you learn is a real challenge. Be patient, and know that LTCC is here to support you.

Stay healthy and stay safe.

President Jeff DeFranco