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Mitchell Community College administration is working with local and state health officials to monitor the current COVID-19 (Coronavirus) situation. Our number one priority is always the safety and health of our students and employees.

After a North Carolina Community College System call on March, 15, 2020, Mitchell is continuing with the plan to **extend Spring Break for all students through March 22, 2020**. Specific Continuing Education/workforce development training courses and programs that were exempt from Spring Break (March 9-15, 2020) will continue as scheduled at this time. Students in these courses should contact their instructors for further information.

During this extended break for students, College officials will take actions that promote social distancing while maintaining operations and services for our students and community. The intent is to be prepared to transition as many courses as possible to online instruction. **Mitchell is not closing at this time.**

All campus events and group gatherings are cancelled until further notice.

Faculty and staff should report for normal work hours on March 16, 2020 and check Mitchell email for additional information and instructions.

Illness and Self-Quarantine Information

As with any illness, we ask students and employees to stay home if they experience a fever (100°F or greater), vomiting and/or diarrhea.

In addition, the College is following the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) guidelines for self-quarantine. Self-quarantine is a precautionary measure that individuals should take if they have been, or have strong reason to believe they have potentially been, exposed to a contagious disease, such as COVID-19. Self-quarantine for the coronavirus should last 14 days.

You should self-quarantine if you:

- You recently returned from any country with a Level-2 or Level-3 warning from the [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\)](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html) (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>)
- You have travelled internationally or domestically to an area with high numbers of positive or presumptive positive COVID-19 cases



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- You have been in close contact with anyone who has traveled to one of these areas
- You have been in close contact with anyone who has been ordered to quarantine because of exposure to the virus

If you believe you have unique personal circumstances that have put you at risk for contracting the virus, you should self-quarantine. Faculty and supervisors have been directed to provide maximum flexibility to students and employees during this time.

Due to the variety of courses and trainings at Mitchell, students are advised to communicate directly with their instructors for specific instructions pertaining to their class(es).

Updates

The College will continue to monitor the situation and provide updates as needed. An official update will be made at or before **Friday, March 20 at noon.**

For information previously released, please find our update archive (<https://mitchellcc.edu/COVID-19/archive>).

Changes to College operations will be communicated through Mitchell's **Emergency Notification System** (<https://mitchellcc.edu/emergency-notification>), on the Mitchell Website, on Mitchell social media channels, and through local media outlets.

How You Can Reach Us

If you have a question that is not addressed in our [FAQ \(https://mitchellcc.edu/COVID-19/FAQ\)](https://mitchellcc.edu/COVID-19/FAQ), please complete this [inquiry form \(https://form.jotform.com/200722558933053\)](https://form.jotform.com/200722558933053). We will use the inquiries to help inform additions to the FAQs and future campus updates. During the week, you can expect a response within 24 hours.