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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

APRIL 29, 2020

Campus Community,

As of April 28, 2020, there are a total of 46,500 positive cases and 1,887 deaths in California. For more information, go to <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx> (<https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/Immunization/ncov2019.aspx>).

Compton College remains operating at **Level Four - Severe Infection Rate**, according to the Compton CCD Pandemic Outbreak - Emergency Operations Plan ([/adminandoperations/campuspolice/Documents/Pandemic-Outbreak_Emergency-Operations-Plan.pdf](#)). The Compton College Pandemic Coordinators and members of the President/CEO Cabinet met this week, and below are current updates.

Compton College Critical Personnel Necessary for Essential Functions

Compton College remains closed to visitors and the general public. The updated schedule for essential employees is available online here ([/adminandoperations/campuspolice/Essential-Functions-Schedule.pdf](#)). To protect our community and slow the spread of COVID-19, all essential employees must follow social distancing protocol, which includes wearing a face covering while performing duties that involve contact with others. The revised County of Los Angeles Department of Health April 10, 2020 "Safer At Home" Order of the Health Officer is available online here (http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/docs/HOO/HOO_Safer_at_Home_Order_for_Control_of_COVID_04102020.pdf).

Please note, for those employees authorized to be on campus, the campus closes at 4:30 p.m. On Wednesdays, only Maintenance & Operations staff are allowed on campus past 4:30 p.m., with the last shift ending at 6:30 p.m.

Employee Requests to Come to Campus

Employees requesting to come to campus for any length of time, must obtain approval from their manager/director first, then email their request to the Chief of Police, Ramund Box, at rbox@compton.edu (<mailto:rbox@compton.edu>), a minimum of 24-hours before their arrival, for approval. In your emailed request, provide the date and time of your visit to campus as well as the location you will be accessing. You will be required to follow the social distancing protocol, as mentioned above.

Free Wi-Fi Hotspots Available to Current Spring 2020 Compton College Students

Wi-Fi hotspots are available on a *first-come-first-served* basis, to students who are currently enrolled in spring 2020 courses at Compton College and sign up online for the Wi-Fi Loan Program (<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=hGohMmQr7UGOsSQunCaFwUBkVaKprkIPokcaLzNOzyhUNzU5RFazRU1UMDRBVk4wMDE5WkxQNDRHWS4u>). Please share this message with students and inform them to read all instructions included in the online RSVP form carefully. Email tartarsupport@compton.edu (<mailto:tartarsupport@compton.edu>) if you have questions.

President/CEO Virtual Student Forum

Tomorrow, **April 30, 2020**, from 1 to 2 p.m., I will be hosting a virtual Student Forum. Students will have the opportunity to join via Zoom and ask me questions. Student login information is available here ([/events/?trumbaEmbed=view%3Devent%26eventid%3D138579289](#)).

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act

The CARES Act establishes the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund, which includes flexible funding to help institutions with immediate needs related to coronavirus. Compton College will be receiving \$2,538,405 in one-time funding to defray expenses such as lost revenue and technology costs associated with transitioning to alternative academic instruction. Fifty percent of that money (\$1,269,202.50) must be used to provide direct Emergency Aid to Students (<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/heerfstudentfaqs.pdf>), including grants for food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, and child care. Up to 50 percent of the Institutional Share (<https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ope/heerfinstitutionalfaqs.pdf>) may be used to cover costs associated with significant changes to the delivery of instruction due to the coronavirus. Below is a draft of the spending plan.

Activity	Portion	Budget
Grants to Compton College Student eligible for Title IV	Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students	\$1,550,000
Student Housing Support to Compton College Student eligible for Title IV	Institutional Portion	\$200,000
Food Resources to Compton College Student eligible for Title IV	Institutional Portion	\$200,000
Student Laptop Loan Program to Compton College Student eligible for Title IV	Institutional Portion	\$130,000
Wi-Fi Hotspots to Compton College Student eligible for Title IV	Institutional Portion	\$130,000
Distance Education Support, including Professional Development and technology support	Institutional Portion	\$328,405
	Total:	\$2,538,405

The draft spending plan focuses on providing as much financial assistance as possible to support our students. Guidance released by the United States Department of Education indicates that students must be eligible for Title IV to receive emergency grants. This narrow definition only includes:

- U.S. citizens or eligible noncitizens
- Students with valid SSN
- Students registered with the selective service
- Students with a high school diploma or GED
- Programs leading to a degree or certificate

The plan is to spend the CARES Act funds from the current semester through June 30, 2021. Furthermore, we will allocate funding from Student Equity and Achievement to provide emergency grants and other support to AB 540 students. More information will be provided in a future Compton College COVID-19 Update on the emergency grants and additional support that will be provided to AB 540 students. If you have any comments regarding the proposed budget, please send them to Keith Cobb, Director of Financial Aid and Scholarships, at kcobb@compton.edu (<mailto:kcobb@compton.edu>). Once the plan has been finalized, we will share it with the Compton College Planning and Budget Committee and Consultative Council.

Sincerely,

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 Compton College

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