

**From:** EMCC President  
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**To:** all\_students;all\_emcc  
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Dear Faculty, Staff, and Students:

In response to Governor Reeves' revised order, Safer at Home, and explicit guidance that Mississippi schools will remain closed, East Mississippi Community College will continue to await further direction from state officials as to when we might be permitted to bring small groups of students back to campus to complete the hands-on component of their coursework. In the meantime, we will continue to provide quality instruction virtually through Canvas. We appreciate your patience, as we are as eager as you are to return to campus; however, as Governor Reeves shared, it is safer for those who are able to stay at home to do so. We will continue to work closely with state and local officials to develop plans for a safe return to campus when we are able to return for limited face-to-face instruction. If you have an individual question about your specific program, please speak with your instructor. If your instructor is unable to answer your questions, they will refer you to their dean for additional information.

Below are some additional reminders—please pay special attention to the updated graduation information.

#### **CAMPUS LOCATIONS & EVENTS**

All campus locations will remain closed to the general public until further notice. All offices are operating virtually. Please call the campus switchboard for the Golden Triangle Campus at 662.243.1900 or 662.476.5000 for the Scooba Campus to be connected with the appropriate office.

#### **HOUSING & MEAL REIMBURSEMENTS**

We will be issuing prorated refunds to all students who paid for their housing and meal plans personally; however, those who received scholarships to cover these expenses will not be reimbursed. Our Business Office is working diligently to calculate these reimbursements and process them.

#### **GRADUATION**

We are very excited to announce that we will host a virtual graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 20. The ceremony will be broadcast to the institution's YouTube page and will remain active for several weeks. Students will receive an email from the Registrar's Office with additional information on what we need from you to make this virtual ceremony more personalized. Stay tuned to our social media accounts for additional information on this virtual ceremony along with the link to watch it.

#### **MAYMESTER & SUMMER TERMS**

In response to the continued uncertainty around the COVID-19 health crisis, EMCC has decided to switch the Maymester term, full summer term and two summer intensive terms online to a virtual format. Interested students should reach out to their advisor to register TODAY. For a list of available summer classes, please click [here](#).

We encourage our faculty, staff, students, and members of our community to continuously monitor our website, <http://www.eastms.edu/coronavirus/index.html>, social media, college emails, canvas, and text message alerts for updates and information.

Stay healthy!

Sincerely,  
Scott

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