

## UPDATED LOS RIOS HEALTH ALERT: CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

The health and safety of Los Rios students, faculty, and staff is our top priority. As of today, March 8, 2020, we continue to have **zero confirmed cases of students or employees with the coronavirus (COVID-19)** in the Los Rios Community College District.

The Los Rios Colleges are taking all appropriate measures and will continue to follow the expert guidance of the California Department of Public Health and county agencies. Sacramento County Public Health experts have directed all colleges as well as K-12 schools to proceed with regular class and work schedules at this time and the [California Department of Public Health has provided clear guidance](#) for when institutions should consider temporary closure. **Consistent with this guidance, we are not canceling classes or suspending operations at this time.**

We are monitoring the situation closely and will continue to provide updates to our campus community via email when any new relevant information warrants a change in our response to this issue. Urgent information, should the situation worsen or if there is a known risk to the campus, will be provided through Los Rios Alert to quickly reach students, faculty and staff.

### Difference between Exposure and Infection

Please note the important distinction between exposure, where an individual may have been in direct contact with someone who is infected, and infection, where an individual has been confirmed by testing to have contracted the virus. At a time of heightened concern and anxiety, it is very important that we choose our words carefully.

### Closures in our Region

Some educational institutions and other organizations in our region have made the decision to close for a period of time and we understand that these closures may impact student, faculty or staff attendance.

Any students affected by regional closures should work with their professors on the appropriate course of action. We are asking that faculty and staff be as flexible as possible with students who may need to miss class as a result of the impacts of the closures in our region.

Employees should follow regular policies and procedures regarding employee leave and supervisors should also be as flexible as possible in making any reasonable accommodations.

### Steps to Limit Exposure

Out of an abundance of caution, and consistent with best practices provided by public health experts, we are taking the following measures to help mitigate exposure to students, faculty, and staff:

- All non-essential public events should be temporarily canceled. This does not include officially sanctioned athletic events at this time or any other event critical to the student experience, however, events that are purely celebratory in nature or that can easily be rescheduled for a later date should be temporarily canceled.
- Effective immediately, we are limiting all out of state travel to avoid unnecessary risk.

### Custodial Practices

All college custodial teams continue to follow best-practice guidelines and take extra steps to deep clean our campuses, particularly "high-touch" points such as doorknobs, railings, door handles, bathroom push doors, and light switches. Areas where known exposed students may have been have received additional cleaning as well. Custodial staff is also utilizing higher-strength disinfectant agents on hard surfaces and every other cleaning tool and technology at our disposal.

### Our Values and Commitment to Inclusion

Please continue to pay special attention to any instances of stereotyping, harassment, and bullying directed at persons perceived to be of Chinese American or, more generally, Asian descent, including students. Ethnic harassment or bullying exacerbates hatred, harms students, and is never justified. We reaffirm our commitment that all students should be able to study and learn in an environment that is healthy, safe, and free from bias or discrimination.

### Additional Resources

For up-to-date information, please visit the [Los Rios coronavirus website](#). Los Rios continues to update our [information and frequently asked questions \(FAQ\) page](#) to address some of the public health, operational, and academic questions that have come forward. The [Centers for Disease Control website](#) and the [Sacramento County Department of Health Services' website](#) both have additional information about coronavirus that may be useful in learning about any risk to the health of our community. We remain in close contact with constituent leaders to ensure that there is a broad understanding of the complexities of this dynamic situation.

Students, faculty, or staff who have any questions about impacts to the colleges should contact their Health Center.

## GET READY FOR STUDENT ELECTIONS

The Student Elections period is now open. A candidate orientation will be held March 12, at noon in LRC 105. All candidate forms, including petition with at least 50 student signatures, are due March 23.

The campaign period starts April 13, and students vote April 21 and 22.

All candidates are encouraged to enroll in SGVT 300 (if available) in the fall semester.

[TELL ME MORE!](#)

## TRY ONLINE TUTORING

Just a reminder: If you aren't on campus, that doesn't mean you can't get free tutoring through SCC!

Both the Learning Skills & Tutoring Center, and the Writing Center (Writing Tutoring for All Subjects) offer online tutoring to all SCC students six days per week.

For more information on online tutoring through the LSTC, contact Stephanie Cortez at [CortezS@sc.losrios.edu](mailto:CortezS@sc.losrios.edu). To learn about the SCC Writing Center's online tutoring service, contact Katie Pinkston at [PinkstK@sc.losrios.edu](mailto:PinkstK@sc.losrios.edu).

[MORE INFO](#)

## CLUB SPOTLIGHTS

Looking to meet other students with similar interests? There are a ton of student clubs to choose from! Here are a couple spotlights:

- **Multi-Cultural Engineering Club (MEC)**  
Connects students with engineering opportunities and resources. Recently, they hosted a panel of professional engineers who were able to offer valuable insight about the field. **Upcoming meetings: March 13 & March 27, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m., in LUC 123**
- **National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)**  
Advocates for mental health. The NAMI club is co-hosting this week's Movies for Mental Health event. **Upcoming meeting: March 13, 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., in the Student Center**

[MORE ABOUT CLUBS](#)



## EVENTS CALENDAR

### MOVIES FOR MENTAL HEALTH

Movies for the mind, stories for the soul. Join us for lunch, short films and discussion on the topic of mental health. This event is co-hosted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) student club.

**Tuesday, March 10**  
**12 PM - 2 PM // Student Center**

### OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

**Athletics Events**  
VARIOUS DATES & TIMES & LOCATIONS

**Makerspace Workshops**  
VARIOUS DATES & TIMES | COS 108

**FBI Career Talk**  
3/10 | 12 PM - 1 PM | BUS 203

**Club Day**  
3/11 | 10 AM - 2 PM | QUAD

**Impressions of Senegal w/Prof. Mark Dennis & Sherri Patton**

3/12 | 12 PM - 1 PM | RHN 264

**Re-Emerging Scholars Hosts Sac Reentry Network Meeting**

3/13 | 1 PM - 3 PM | CULTURAL ENGAGEMENT CENTER

**Cultural Responsiveness to Sexual Assault**

3/19 | 2:30 PM - 4 PM | STUDENT CENTER

[VIEW ALL UPCOMING EVENTS](#)



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