CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19)
NORTHAMPTON COUNTY SCHOOLS


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HCC Shifting to Online Instructional Delivery

WELDON, N.C. – Halifax Community College (HCC) leadership continues to closely monitor the ever-changing COVID-19 virus situation.

Beginning on March 18, HCC will shift all curriculum classes to an online instruction model through at least April 13. On March 16 and 17, all classes will continue in their traditional format as instructors work to make the seamless shift to online classes.

Because some classes are not suitable to online instruction, classroom instruction will still be available on a limited basis. These departments include Cosmetology, Welding, Automotive, Basic Law Enforcement Training, Fire/EMS, and other laboratory-based classes. Clinical instruction for all Allied Health departments will follow the directives of the clinical sites.

“We recognize that some of our students will struggle with gaining access to online instruction because of lack of broadband capabilities in our service area,” said Dr. Michael Elam, president of HCC. “In an effort to combat this, our campus will remain open to all students. However, we are implementing frequent cleaning and sanitizing of all public areas and are implementing a social distancing policy for all campus areas.”

“We are working with their customers to ensure they have the access they need to remain on track,” Elam said. “All testing and student support services will be available both online and on-campus throughout the duration of this instructional shift.”

While the campus will remain open, all events have been canceled or postponed until further notice. For more information, please contact the President’s office at 252-536-6399.

Halifax Community College’s Mission

Halifax Community College strives to meet the diverse needs of our community by providing high-quality, accessible and affordable education and services for a rapidly changing and globally competitive marketplace.

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**COVID-19 HEALTH TIPS @ NCDHHS**

- **Wash hands with soap and water for 20 seconds each time.**
- **Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.**
- **Stay home from work or school if you are sick.**
- **Avoid close contact with people who are ill.**
- **Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.**
- **Throw away tissues after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose.**
- **Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched.**

More at [www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus](http://www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus) and [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) #COVID19NC

**How To Talk To Your Kids About Coronavirus PBS Kids For Parents**


[https://www.pbs.org/parents/#about/](https://www.pbs.org/parents/#about/)

**Northampton County Local Government is taking proactive steps to protect the health and well-being of our citizens in the face of growing cases of the coronavirus COVID-19. Until further notice, we will be suspending operations at the Recreation Department and The Cultural & Wellness Center. The fitness room will be closed to the public. The offices will be open from 8:30 am - 5:00 pm Monday thru Friday until further notice.**

**Northampton County Recreation Dept. & Cultural and Wellness Center**

**Are You High Risk?**

[Stop the Spread](https://www.ncdhhs.gov/coronavirus)

**North Carolina Coronavirus Hotline**

1-866-462-3821

**COVID-19 TIPS…. STOP THE SPREAD**

- Social Distancing is avoiding crowds of 25+ people
- **Why?** To help limit spread of contagious diseases like COVID-19
- **Have to go out? Stay 6+ feet away from others.**

**2020 CENSUS MAKE SURE EVERYONE IS COUNTED**

Census results help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding flow into states and communities each year.

**HEALTH CLINICS**

- FIRE DEPARTMENTS
- SCHOOLS
- ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

By April 1, 2020, every home will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census.