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Dear MCC Community:

Mohave Community College is preparing for the potential effects of a pandemic event in our community. In addition to being in regular contact with our local health care providers, we are monitoring Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) communications to ensure that we have the best information possible. As a part of this purpose, the College has developed a Pandemic Response Plan to assist the college in maintaining essential functions and purposes as well as keep its constituents informed of college actions affecting them.

The Pandemic Response Plan consists of four stages:

Stage 1—CDC, state and local health departments issue warnings of impending threat of highly contagious or pandemic strains are in the U.S. and likely to spread to the Southwest.

Stage 2—A pandemic with severe health outcomes is present in Arizona and the Tri-State area, with press and public health reporting of widespread pandemic outbreaks in or near Arizona.

Stage 3—Pandemic cases reported are rising locally, with a spike in infections among MCC employees or students

Stage 4—MCC President declares a pandemic emergency exists for the college, with a rising number of infections among employees or students, increased risk of spread, and/or absenteeism which inhibits the conduct of normal college business.

Based on our current evaluation of the situation, the College is operating at **Stage 1**. The following preventative actions should occur:

1. Communicate accurate and timely information to the MCC community.
2. Monitor the health organizations guidance and current state of the county health.
3. Monitor and plan for absenteeism.

In addition, we encourage you to continue traditionally recommended methods for preventing disease: washing hands often with soap and water, particularly after using the restroom, before eating, after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing; covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue and discarding the tissue in the trash; avoiding touching eyes, nose or mouth with unwashed hands;

cleaning and disinfecting frequently touch objects and surfaces using cleaning sprays or wipes; and staying home when you are sick, except to get medical care.

We will continue to update you on the College's status as the event progresses. Stay safe and stay healthy.



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