

## Coronavirus Update for Early College March 16, 2020

Our Early College teams are committed to supporting our high school partners and students as we monitor and respond to this situation daily. While EC students represent a unique population, they are **our** students, and we recognize that changes to Maine's public universities impact our many stakeholders.

As Chancellor Malloy noted in his message on March 11<sup>th</sup>:

Our top priorities as the leaders of Maine's public university system are to advance the teaching, research, and service missions we have to our students and the people of Maine, while at the same time maintaining the health, safety, and well-being of our university communities throughout the State. The advent and spread of Coronavirus/COVID-19 in Asia and Europe and, more recently, in the United States now demands that we tip that balance heavily in favor of public health, which requires that we immediately adjust how we carry out our mission for the time being.

As such, please note the following:

- Students enrolled in **online courses**- there will be no change to instruction
- Students enrolled in **courses on campus**-Effective March 23, 2020, UMS universities will transition all in-class academic instruction to online or other pedagogically appropriate distance modalities that do not require in-class presence for the remainder of the Spring semester.
- Students in **concurrent enrollment courses** (taught by high school teachers at your high schools)- The Early College Team at the University/Universities that you partner with will work with you given the recent school closures. We understand some schools may need some time to prepare. However, when your plan of action is in place please ensure that your high school CE teachers share this plan with the EC administrator at each campus that you work with.

All EC students have access to free online tutoring 24/7 via NetTutor, we will be sending out directions to students to remind them of this service.

### Early College Team contact information

<https://www.maine.edu/students/early-college/contact-information/>

**Information and updates from Chancellor Malloy**

<https://www.maine.edu/health-advisory/>