



DINÉ COLLEGE

THE HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTION OF THE NAVAJO

Office of the President

TO: ALL STAFF, FACULTY, AND STUDENTS

FROM: 
Dr. Charles M. Roessel, President

DATE: March 12, 2020

Diné College is closely monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. As the situation continues to change rapidly, we are committed to ensure the safety, health and well-being of our entire college community. As we have been planning for different contingencies, our top priority remains the health, safety, and well-being of our community on and off campus. We are planning for several situations and taking informed and decisive action to provide a safe environment for students and staff.

Diné College students and faculty are on spring break this week. The college administrators decided to extend spring break for another week, March 16-20, 2020. All students will return to classes on Monday, March 23, 2020.

Diné College will use this extra week to begin the transfer of some classes to on-line delivery. We understand that some classes will have to continue face to face and we are finalizing our plans to do this in the safest possible way. We are also aware that some students do not have computers or access to the internet and we will work on a solution for those students.

Diné College Faculty will return from spring break on March 16, 2020. During the week of March 16-20, 2020, Faculty will be working with their deans to make the transition as smooth as possible to move as many courses to on-line delivery. There will be more details to come about classes transitioning to on-line delivery. Please check our website for the latest information and also continue to check your e-mail daily.

The residential halls will re-open for residential students as previously scheduled (Sunday, March 15, 2020). All staff and faculty will return to work on Monday, March 16, 2020.

I want to thank staff and faculty that have contributed their expertise to ensure a safe college community. And students, we are committed to ensuring your safety while we maintain the highest academic standards possible. Thank you for your understanding.