

Parkland Community:

In light of the expanding efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, I want to provide further instruction and information for you on the college's next steps.

This afternoon, a first case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Champaign County, so it is imperative that we rapidly transition to an online learning and remote working format.

The college will not close. However, where possible, instruction will go online and support services will be delivered remotely. No employee will go without pay due to these measures.

The following measures will be implemented starting immediately and possibly extend through to the end of the spring semester.

Extended Spring Break

- Spring break will be extended by one week, with instruction resuming March 30. This allows faculty an additional week to reformat instruction for online delivery and for support services to transition to a remote format.

Online Instructional Delivery

- All instructional delivery will be conducted online through Cobra Learning. There will be no in-person lab sessions, studios, or testing.

We appreciate your dedication and flexibility as we respond to the evolving situation surrounding the COVID-19 outbreak. We will be communicating with you frequently addressing issues as they arise. While this situation presents great challenges, we are prepared to face them together.

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