



March 11, 2020

Today, the COVID-19 outbreak was labeled by the WHO as a global pandemic. While there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Maine at this date, there is a significant risk to members of Midcoast Senior College. The highly contagious nature of this virus, and the fact that our senior students and faculty fall into the at-risk group of elderly and vulnerable if exposed to this virus, are cause for a conservative response. In accordance with the recommendations from public health authorities to maintain social distancing, MSC will cancel the Spring term effective immediately.

We are also suspending, until further notice, our Current Events forum.

Students enrolled in a Spring 2020 term course will be refunded tuition paid. If you joined MSC this term and paid a membership fee, your membership will be extended through the Fall 2020 term.

MSC is actively pursuing the possibility of presenting courses on-line for the future. We will keep you posted on any developments regarding remote learning.

We want to assure you that MSC is continuing to operate and plan future classes and educational opportunities for midcoast seniors. There will be someone who will answer your questions and concerns.

We are all disappointed. It is our hope that by this proactive measure we are doing our part to minimize the impact of the virus to our students and our larger mid-coast community.

Sincerely,

Douglas C. Bates, President
MSC Board of Directors