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## **Imperial Valley College Transitions to Online Instruction, Effective March 16th**

In response to the recent Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic and in consultation with the Imperial Community College District (ICCD) Board of Trustees, Imperial Valley College (IVC) is transitioning courses to an online format. Effective March 16, 2020, many of our courses will be offered online.

The transition is designed to limit exposure to COVID-19 by preventing large groups from assembling on campus. Imperial Valley College Leadership decided that effective March 16, 2020 and until further notice the district will be closing the campus to the public and will offer partial face-to-face instruction for classes that are unable to meet virtually, such as labs and clinical. The students who will continue to meet face-to-face will receive direct instructions from their faculty.

The ICCD Board of Trustees approved a resolution on Friday, March 13, 2020 declaring an emergency due to COVID-19 and authorized Superintendent/President, Dr. Martha Garcia to take action even between board meetings, enabling her to stay on top of this rapidly evolving situation. "Because the virus is easily spread from person-to-person, it is not safe for large groups of people to gather. During this time, you should stay away from groups of people as much as possible; so avoid shopping malls, movie theaters, sporting events and community centers" said Board President, Mark Edney.

Imperial Valley College is working in consultation with the Imperial County Health Department and although they state that the risk to the general public is low. As a precautionary measure, it was decided to take action to slow the transmission of the virus and reduce the potential of people being infected on campus. At this time, there have been no students or employees affected by COVID-19 at IVC.

"This is a rapidly changing situation and we appreciate everyone's patience as College Leadership works to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for our students, employees and community. This is a hard time for everyone and our hearts go out to those who are directly impacted" stated President Garcia.

Information will continue to be provided to the public via email, IVC website and press releases.