

**Douglas Education Center (DEC) Institutional Response to COVID-19 (Coronavirus)**

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Dear DEC Students:

I hope this latest correspondence finds you settling in as best you can in this new world of remote education and social distancing. At this time, with the recent orders from our PA Governor, as well as our President extending social distancing guidelines to April 30, all of us here at DEC wish to communicate to you that we are continuing to operate with your best interests in mind.

Beginning today, March 31, many key members of our staff are in discussion and participating in webinars with many educational advisory organizations, regulatory bodies, and governmental agencies, including the US Department of Education, who are seeking to provide guidance to institutions such as ours. Of DEC's greatest concern is the impact this pandemic will have on the education for you, our students. We are taking this necessary step in order to compile the most complete docket of available information so that we can make the best informed decisions.

With the available information collected, DEC will be able to put together a more comprehensive plan and communicate it to you. The most important part of our plan will be how we will make up for the on-ground time that has been unfairly compromised or adapted to online due to this emergency. I want you all to know that multiple plans and scenarios are being investigated, in part due to the lingering uncertainty of just when this pandemic will safely decrease and when its social distancing orders will be lifted. What the final plan will look like will also rely on what is permitted to us from our various government and regulatory bodies regarding when we may safely resume classes on-ground and the flexibility in what we may offer.

Safety continues to be our number one priority for every member of our DEC community. I appreciate everyone's understanding and adaptability throughout these troubling and uncertain times. Please remain diligent in your online coursework at this time, and know that provisions such as additional on-ground time, extending class days once we are back on-ground, and other resolutions are being explored, discussed, and planned out for you as we receive additional guidance and information.

Life will eventually return to normal, and we look forward to welcoming you all back to campus again. Keep your spirits up, continue to support and look out for one another, and take pride in your education. We will communicate more information to you as it becomes available and updated.

Sincerely,



Jeffrey D. Imbrescia  
CEO / President