

Update Regarding Residence Hall
March 13, 2020

The Residence Hall at TVCC will remain open during spring break and into the Spring term. Dining services will continue on the regular schedule.

To date, there have been no confirmed cases of COVID-19 at TVCC or the residence halls. However, the College continues to monitor the situation. Our food service provider, Sodexo, has undertaken additional measures to ensure the safe delivery of food, including the following:

- Sodexo has confirmed its priority status with multiple suppliers, which gives us access to essential PPE (Personal Protective Equipment). Note that masks are not recommended, except for clinical environments where there is a risk of contact with infected persons or if advised by the relevant health authority.
- Our culinary teams are working to develop alternate menus and serving options in the event that there is an impact on our food supply chain.
- All teams have been instructed on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and we have reinforced our existing food safety and health and wellness policy requiring employees to stay home if they are not feeling well.
- Additional communications and in-unit signage on the proper handwashing techniques as well other personal hygiene actions during flu season have been distributed to our operations.
- All onsite operations have been instructed to regularly clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces with a suitable chemical disinfectant.

In addition, the residence hall has been stocked with additional cleaning supplies for the residents to use and plenty of hand sanitizer and soap is available. Instructions on how to avoid the spread of virus have been posted as well.

The safety and health and our students is our top priority. However, it is important to remember that a rushed decision to close the residence hall could lead to the unnecessary displacement or homelessness of students. Students in the residence hall are encouraged to employ social distancing measures to the extent possible (i.e, stay three feet apart, avoid large gatherings). In addition, student should wash their hands for no less than 20 seconds with soap and warm water, and notify staff if they have contact with person who tests positive for COVID-19 and are experiencing symptoms of the disease.

If circumstances change, you will be notified immediately. If you have any concerns, please contact Kristine Needs at kneeds@tvcc.cc or 541-881-5792.