

March 13, 2020

To all NJ-STEP students, instructors, staff and partners,

Administrators from all of NJ-STEP's partnering institutions are closely monitoring the developing concerns around COVID-19. Our leadership is in regular contact with state and federal health agencies to determine how to proceed with instruction while addressing our collective health needs. Be assured that the entire NJ-STEP team is committed to continuing the courses that began in NJDOC facilities for Spring 2020 and, in partnership with NJDOC, we are exploring a variety of course delivery options that will allow students to complete them.

We recognize there has been some disruption already, as many of the professors delivering courses inside have cancelled a single class or two. These are primarily due to a scheduled spring break, changes in operating status, or simple precautionary measures. We are also asking individual professors to cancel classes for an appropriate duration to self-quarantine, if needed. In the event that any courses need to be postponed for a period beyond this, or postponed indefinitely due to an uncertainty in timelines, we will communicate that to you as well.

Tutoring and any other extracurricular programming, where it exists, has been cancelled for the immediate future. We encourage students to discuss this with your professors or counselors if it causes significant concern.

We appreciate the efforts of all faculty, staff and partners, and applaud all of our students for their progress and commitment thus far. Thank you all for your patience and understanding as we navigate these unfamiliar waters.

Sincerely,

NJ-STEP Administration
Raritan Valley Community College
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