

Campus Update | Closures | March 26, 2020

Today, Gov. Steve Bullock issued a [stay at home directive](#) for all Montanans that will take effect at 12:01 am Saturday, March 28.

The Governor took this bold move in order to keep our state ahead of the outbreak of COVID-19, to keep Montanans as healthy as possible to allow healthcare workers to catch up, and, perhaps, outpace the disease. Wednesday morning, we had 53 confirmed COVID-19 cases. Tonight, we have 90.

To slow the rate of infection, Montana residents are ordered to not leave their home except for necessities, such as food, doctor appointments or to care for others. They can go outside to exercise, but are asked to maintain physical distancing of at least six feet.

At Helena College, we have already been using remote instruction for nearly all of our courses. I am so grateful to you, and to your instructors, for making this move so quickly and graciously. I know that your instructors are working very hard to make sure that you have what you need to complete the semester successfully.

We do have a small number of courses that have been meeting face-to-face, however **as of Monday, March 30, 2020, we will no longer be offering any face-to-face instruction at Helena College.** Students who have been attending classes on the Airport Campus should make sure that they have all of the materials that they need when they leave the campus this week.

Additionally, starting Monday, March 30, 2020, the Airport Campus and the Donaldson Campus will be closed to all except our facilities team and select Executive Team personnel. These people will be on campus to make sure that our infrastructure is running smoothly. No study or non-essential work will be happening on either campus until further notice.

Students who need a Helena College loaner laptop to do their coursework or Helena College work remotely MUST pick those up by 5 pm on Friday, March 27, 2020.

Unfortunately, this crisis is not over and the situation will continue to evolve. At the heart of all of our decisions moving forward is a dedication to the health and safety of our students and employees and the greater Helena community.

We are doing everything possible to ensure the successful completion of your term. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.