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Brookline College is proud to be part of the communities we serve, and our highest priority is always the health and well-being of our students, faculty, staff and community. We intend to support that obligation, while we carry out our academic mission.

We recognize that many of you have questions and concerns regarding COVID-19 (the coronavirus). Since the beginning of the year, the Brookline leadership team has been actively monitoring all available information and working diligently to identify ways to keep our people, campuses and community informed and safe.

Our goal is to strike the proper balance between practicing precaution and preparedness, while avoiding misinformation and panic. We are seeking the right approach to both safeguard the health of the Brookline community while simultaneously ensuring we do not unnecessarily disturb our student's educational and professional ambitions.

There are no reported COVID-19 cases at any of the Brookline campuses. If the situation changes, we have communication plans in place to inform you and action plans to remediate the situation and mitigate the risk of spreading COVID-19.

At the present time, Brookline College will remain open. The Emergency Response Committee will be implementing the following protocols starting March 16th, 2020:

- o Campuses will perform deep cleaning of all facilities on an ongoing basis.
- o Students will be notified regularly regarding emergencies, class cancellations or campus closures via text and within the Moodle learning management system.
  - Please ensure your current phone number is in our system. You can update your information by going to the student portal https://my.brooklinecollege.edu/
- We respectfully request that any student, faculty or staff that has traveled to any countries that have been given a risk assessment of 2 or higher voluntarily quarantine themselves for the timeframe recommended by the <u>CDC</u>. We will work with each quarantined student individually to ensure they continue their academic progress.
  - As of today, these countries are China, South Korea, Iran and Italy (Level 3), and Japan (Level 2) and all European countries with the exception of the United Kingdom.
  - As the CDC provides travel advisories for additional countries, we will update our guidance.



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The team at Brookline College is committed to adapting to this public health emergency while minimizing the disruption to students' academic progress and goals. This emergency does not change our mission but it may require us to change the way we accomplish that mission. We are a resilient community and our success will be a shared effort. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me directly. <a href="mailto:President@brooklinecollege.edu">President@brooklinecollege.edu</a>

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