

**Subject:** COVID-19 Operations Update: An Important Message from the Executive Vice President  
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**From:** Student Communications  
**To:** Student Communications  
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Columbus State students,

We are carefully monitoring state and local guidance on pandemic impact on College operations. Please know that we remain physically open to students enrolled in in-person instruction this semester and will provide further updates if circumstances change.

As you may be aware, Franklin County rose today to the [state's highest alert level](#) for severe exposure and spread of COVID-19. Yesterday, [health advisory guidance](#) came from Columbus Public Health and Franklin County Public Health to not leave home effective 6 p.m. Friday except for work, school or other essential needs (these exceptions are consistent with state recommendations for a Level 4/"Purple" Public Health Emergency). This comes on top of Tuesday's announcement of [a state-ordered curfew](#) from 10 p.m.-5 a.m. effective 10 p.m. today.

These developments may raise questions for you if your Autumn semester course load requires you to be on campus at this time. Although the advisory and curfew explicitly allow for travel to and from school, we are actively working with our in-person instructors to wind down on-campus class meetings leading up to and following the Thanksgiving holiday break. In-person students will hear from your instructor about any adjustments to the remaining semester class schedule.

We know that that is a stressful time for our entire College community. We stand ready to support any student who is dealing with potential or confirmed COVID-19 exposure. You can connect directly with our student support specialists using the [Student Health Form](#) in addition to reaching out through your instructor. This resource is available to all students whether or not you are attending classes on campus this semester.

**Remember, if you are sick, stay at home.** Focus on self-care. If you need to miss an in-person class due to illness of any kind, your instructor will work with you to minimize the impact.

Additionally, we understand that it's been a really hard year for our students. If you are struggling with emotional challenges, you can talk with a Columbus State counselor. Columbus State Counseling Services is providing teletherapy and can be reached at (614) 287-2818 or [counselingservices@csc.edu](mailto:counselingservices@csc.edu). Find self-directed help resources [here](#).

Thank you for being a part of this community. If you have feedback, please reach out to [covid19operations@csc.edu](mailto:covid19operations@csc.edu).

With gratitude,

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