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COCC'S SPRING TERM MAKES VIRTUAL DEBUT

Following a planned one-week delay due to COVID-19, Central Oregon Community College's (COCC) spring term began on April 6 utilizing a virtual delivery system for nearly all of its academic programming. The distance-learning format will continue through all of spring term (scheduled to end on June 12), in response to a statewide school closure extension issued by Governor Kate Brown on April 8.

Health care-related programs — as outlined in the governor's executive order — are the exception to the order. Nearly all of COCC's credit courses are being offered through a variety of remote techniques, though some hands-on programs have postponed some coursework and the college's automotive technology program has pushed its classes to the summer term.

Access to COCC's facilities will be restricted to faculty and staff only, with the exception of a computer lab on each of the four campuses that will follow strict social distancing protocols and allow access to a limited number of students at a time. This includes the track and field facility.

The college is committed to ensuring that its resources — from financial aid and tutoring center advice to admissions questions and research consultations with librarians — will continue to remain responsive to the needs of students and community members alike.