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College of the Desert Trustees Declare State of Emergency

During a special meeting of the Desert Community College District Board, trustees unanimously adopted a state of emergency proclamation, which provides authority to Superintendent/President Kinnamon, or his designee, to take any and all actions necessary to ensure the continuation of education while protecting the health and safety of the students and staff at College of the Desert.

"The action taken today to declare a state of emergency is a difficult one," said Dr. Kinnamon. "The information from public health officials regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19) is changing rapidly and we are doing everything we can to be responsive and proactive; including canceling all athletic events and gatherings over 250 attendees, as well as making preparations to move some of our classroom courses to online effective March 16th."

No students or employees at the College have tested positive for COVID-19.

"The Board of Trustees' primary goal is to keep our community safe while maintaining as much normal class instruction and college operations as possible," said Dr. Kinnamon.

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