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Subject: Linfield impacts from the governor's announcement

Message sent on behalf of Susan Hopp, Vice President for Student Affairs and Admissions, Linfield University

Dear Linfield community,

I want to start by reiterating something I told the Board of Trustees today: Our students have, for the most part, done a phenomenal job avoiding the pandemic pitfalls that naysayers predicted for this semester. Overwhelmingly, Linfield students have worn masks and followed protocols and done the right things in an effort to protect their own health and the health of others. I couldn't be more proud of their efforts – or the efforts of our faculty and staff.

Looking closely at Gov. Brown's restrictions announced earlier today, and in consultation with the Oregon Higher Education Coordinating Commission, we believe Linfield is already in compliance with the new rules. Accordingly, classes will remain as scheduled through November 20, by which time most students are scheduled to have left campus. Many, no doubt, will leave even earlier.

That's not to say nothing will change in the meantime. Other than academic classes, Linfield will cancel all in-person events for the remainder of the semester. Dining will remain takeout-only between November 18 and November 20. The swimming pool and workout facilities will be closed after Tuesday, as well. To the extent possible, all gatherings – even inside residence halls – should be limited to six people or fewer.

Gov. Brown also announced a travel advisory recommending a 14-day quarantine for people traveling into the State of Oregon. If you will be traveling outside of Oregon, you should consult the travel restrictions and quarantine/testing recommendations for the state(s) you will be entering.

The governor's orders do not require the closure of classes, instruction or research activities in colleges and universities, as long as they are abiding by existing guidance from the Oregon Health Authority. The Linfield community has met this standard all semester, and will continue to do so. Regardless, everyone is reminded to maintain health and safety standards and encouraged to keep small social circles while continuing to wear face coverings. For more details about the governor's recommendations and restrictions, visit [the State of Oregon website](#).

Thank you for all the efforts you have made to date, and thank you in advance for all the efforts the next few weeks will require. I believe, based on how the Linfield community has handled the situation to date, we will finish the semester strong.

Sincerely,

Susan Hopp
Vice President for Student Affairs and Admission