

# Southwestern Christian College

## Office of the President



March 28, 2020

To: SwCC Students

RE: Corona Update/Online Courses

Out of an abundance of caution, the senior leadership at Southwestern Christian College has made the difficult decision to continue online learning for the remainder of the Spring 2020 semester. This comes with mixed emotions. We are relieved there are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 on our campus. On the other hand, we remain sad, but resolved to do everything we can to keep our students, our employees and our community safe.

**All courses on the Schoology platform are being extended through the end of the Spring semester.** Please diligently check Populi and your email for ongoing communication from instructors. IT and faculty have implemented strong online learning courses after consulting with a range of scholars and experts who are knowledgeable about methodology, content, and best practices.

For now, SwCC staff will continue to work from home and monitor updates from county, state and federal agencies, as well as school updates from department heads. Dorms will remain closed, along with most of the buildings on campus. It is a very unnerving sight, with minimal sound and little movement. But I have no doubt, this is the right decision as we strive to keep everyone safe and healthy.

On Tuesday, I plan to do a live chat for students. I hope all of you will make time for that. Until then, please remember to practice social distancing. Avoid all non-essential travel. Stay inside as much as you can. Please be aware that your age does -NOT- make you immune from COVID-19. Dallas County has reported dozens of cases for young adults, ages 18-49, and Texas is reporting cases of children under 10 years old who have COVID-19. So, please, stay home, stay connected, and stay aware of what officials are asking you to do.

I miss each one of you, and I thank you for your patience, your prayers and support. I hope to chat with you sometime in the next 72 hours.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'E. D. Seamster, Jr.' The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Dr. E. D. Seamster, Jr.  
President and CEO

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