

Student Communication – November 12, 2020

Dear Student,

This week, Governor DeWine provided an update on Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as cases continue to increase and our local hospitals may become strained. As a result, we wanted to reach out and communicate how the Governor's update informs our continued focus on the safety of our campus community.

LCCC intentionally planned the Fall 2020 semester with precautions and wellness in mind. Our current semester was proactively designed to support 90% of our courses in virtual formats, and ensure in-person teaching could continue for the 10% of courses that require lab and applied activities.

During Governor's update, he applauded colleges and universities for efforts to move 100% virtual after the Thanksgiving holiday. **To clarify**, the Governor's reference to colleges and universities was intended for colleges with on-campus housing and residence halls- not community colleges. While some community colleges have decided to move to a fully virtual environment after Thanksgiving, these colleges are currently offering a greater percentage of their classes in-person compared to LCCC.

Governor DeWine also **re-issued the statewide mask order**, originally issued July 23, including penalties for business that fail to enforce this order. All members of the LCCC community are asked to continue to adhere to this order, as well as other [protocols](#) when on campus.

Of course, LCCC's response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve according to guidance from Governor DeWine, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and local health officials.

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to care for each other, campus, and our local community- our students truly make us #LCCC Proud.

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