



SUPERINTENDENT/PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

Dear Río Hondo Students,

March 17, 2020

As we move forward as a campus community during these challenging times, we have additional information to share with you.

We want you to know that our faculty and staff are here to support you as we prioritize your health, safety, and wellbeing as well as your academic success.

If you have any challenges with accessing *Canvas* or with the online mode of instruction, please reach out to your instructor or the appropriate dean. Please be safe and stay engaged with your studies.

SOCIAL DISTANCING REMINDER

As announced on March 16, 2020, groups of more than 10 people should not gather and avoid all unnecessary travel. The College has created a poster to remind our campus to practice Social Distancing by staying away at least six feet from others and avoiding gatherings of 10 or more people. The Social Distancing reminder (attached) has been posted in current high-traffic areas on campus and on our designated [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) webpage](#).

LAPTOPS ON LOAN

Considering that some students do not have home access to computers, the District has made laptops available for students to check out from the Library's Circulation Desk. The laptops will be available on a loan basis for the remaining of the spring semester. If you have any questions, please contact our Library's Circulation Desk at 562-908-3416. We also have open access computer labs available on campus.

Río Hondo College students have access to Office 365 for FREE from the Cloud. For information on how to access Office 365, [click here](#).

As many colleges have transitioned to online instruction, the following internet services will provide free internet to households with students. To enroll for Charter, call 844-488-8395; for Comcast, call 855-846-8376 (English speakers) or 855-765-6995 (Spanish speakers), or go to www.internetessentials.com.

LIBRARY, RIO CAFÉ AND BOOKSTORE HOURS

The Library will remain open with regular operating hours: Monday – Thursday, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.; Friday, 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Closed on Sundays and Holidays. Reference librarians and staff are on hand to assist patrons with all research and information resource-related needs. Most services will not be affected.

Río Cafe has adjusted its operation hours to: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The bookstore hours are: Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.; Closed during the weekends.

COUNSELING FOR STUDENTS

Our Counselors are here to serve you. Although the College has transitioned to online instruction through April 4, 2020, our Counselors are here to support you. Call in appointments and some online alternatives may also be available. Please call to make an appointment at 562-908-3410.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

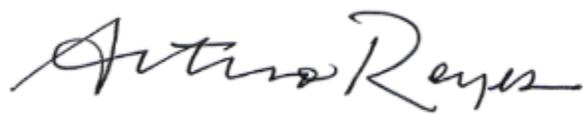
For a list of community resources, including our very own campus **RioSource Food Pantry** and a variety of social and public services, please visit our RioSource online directory at: www.riohondo.edu/riosource/.

If you have any questions about Student Services, please contact Henry Gee, Vice President of Student Services at hgee@riohondo.edu or 562-908-3489; or Loy Nashua, Executive Dean of Student Affairs at lnashua@riohondo.edu or 562-908-3498.

We will continue to provide updates as they become available. Please routinely check your email, *Canvas*, and our [website](#), as the facts related to COVID-19 are changing rapidly.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these unprecedented times.

Cordially,




Dr. Arturo Reyes
Superintendent/President