Dear Peru State College Students,

**What is the status of academic courses at Peru State College?**

The Nebraska State College System has evaluated the situation related to the coronavirus in Nebraska and the three State Colleges, including Peru State, plan to **resume all classes Monday, March 16, as scheduled. This includes on campus courses.** If a future situation requires us to limit campus operations and/or suspend face-to-face instruction, we have plans to activate alternative teaching and learning models to ensure you receive the instruction and services you require to successfully complete the semester.

**What if I miss class because of illness or quarantine?**

**Students who may become sick, should not attend class, will not be required to provide formal documentation from a health care provider, and will not be penalized for absences.** Students should notify instructors in advance of the absence if possible, keep up with classwork if they are able to do so, submit assignments electronically as they are able, and work with their instructors to try to reschedule exams, labs, and other critical academic activities.

During this period, we ask all members of the campus community to be attentive to their health and safeguard others by following the CDC's guideline to “stay home when you are sick.” You should stay home if you have symptoms (coughing, fever, shortness of breath). Students who have compromised immune systems or underlying health conditions that may be exacerbated by the virus are encouraged to use their best judgment regarding their situation. Please contact Academic Affairs at 402-872-2222 during normal business hours to make necessary arrangements to complete your semester.

**Who is monitoring COVID-19 situation?**

Peru State College officials are in consultation with the Southeast District Health Department (SDHD), which has been actively monitoring the COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) situation in southeast Nebraska.

**What can I do to help myself and others to stay healthy?**

1. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
3. **Stay home and away from others when you are sick.**
4. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.

**COVID-19 can be a serious illness. Please do not let a lack of health insurance or money keep you from getting necessary healthcare.**

For more information from Peru State about the Coronavirus, visit our site at this link: [https://www.peru.edu/media/coronavirus](https://www.peru.edu/media/coronavirus). Always refer to CDC for the most up-to-date information: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

We look forward to having you back on campus soon.

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