BC3 moves summer courses to remote instruction

All face-to-face noncredit programming canceled through at least June 30

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(Butler, PA) Butler County Community College will transition all face-to-face format summer credit courses to remote instruction and will cancel all face-to-face noncredit courses through at least June 30 with regard to COVID-19, BC3 President Dr. Nick Neupauer announced to the college's board of trustees Wednesday.

BC3's decision follows statewide orders for residents to stay at home and for non-life-sustaining businesses to remain closed in response to COVID-19.

It aligns with decisions made by the state's other institutions of higher education for the summer of 2020. The commonwealth's 14 state-owned universities, as well as a number of its 14 Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges institutions, have already decided to move to remote instruction formats this summer.

The college will cancel all events on its main campus and at its additional locations through at least June 30 as a precaution intended to protect the safety, health and well-being of its students, faculty and staff.

BC3's face-to-face noncredit courses and trainings canceled through at least June 30 include those in workforce development, public safety, lifelong learning and adult literacy.

The college's summer credit courses will be offered through online and remote instruction. Remote instruction includes video conferencing, email and Internet-based learning management system formats. BC3's summer menu features five sessions from May 11 through Aug. 4.

Gov. Tom Wolf on March 19 ordered all non-life-sustaining businesses in Pennsylvania to temporarily close their physical locations as a precautionary measure with regard to COVID-19. Wolf on Thursday ordered all Pennsylvania schools to remain closed through the end of the academic year.

BC3 will continue to monitor the situation regarding COVID-19 and will keep internal and external audiences updated on new information regarding college response and operations. Updates will be posted on BC3's website at https://bc3.edu/services/coronavirus-2019.html