



DON BOSCO TECHNICAL INSTITUTE

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Dear Bosco Tech Community,

California has entered a critical phase in the fight to stop the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic. Though there are no known infections among staff or students in our school, we believe we need to make an important contribution to the effort to slow the spread of the virus. After careful deliberation, the administration of Don Bosco Technical Institute has **made the decision to shift our classes from on-campus to Distance Learning, also known as Online Instruction, effective Tuesday, March 24**, with an anticipated return date of **Monday, April 6**. Spring break will be extended one day, **through Monday March 23**, and the Bosco Tech faculty will use that day to prepare for using a virtual classroom.

All school events have been cancelled or postponed until further notice, at least until April 6. That includes all athletic competitions and practices. Again, this is out of an abundance of caution for our young people. We will continue to follow the guidance of public health experts to protect our students, families, staff and other members of our community. As we have more information, we will communicate and provide updates through Announcements@boscotech.edu and our website.

Our highest priority during this period will be to ensure our school is prepared to maintain learning. We have been and will continue to plan and develop resources for online and distance learning. Moving instruction off-campus for at least two weeks mid-year is unprecedented. We recognize the significant impact this extended closure will have on our community, students, families, and staff. We also acknowledge the burden this will place on our working families. As a community of faith, we must come together and help one another – communicate, share resources, offer support.

As part of working with our families to keep the educational process effective, **we are asking every student to complete an online survey that describes their access to technology at home**. Please have your sons follow this link (<https://tinyurl.com/DBTI-Distance-Learning>) and complete the survey by Wednesday, March 18. As details of how instruction will be accessed and administered are finalized, we will publish them to you. Please regularly check your emails for updates and have your sons do the same with their assigned Bosco Tech emails.

Social Distancing Guidance: Expert health agencies advise that to effectively support social distancing and the extraordinary measure of closing the school campus, students should stay home and minimize social contact as much as possible to keep caregivers and adult family members safe. While young people have not been shown to be a high-risk group for serious illness from this virus, these steps are critical in supporting public health as they can transmit the virus to those most vulnerable. Health officials recommend that families make arrangements for childcare during closure that avoids leaving children with elderly people who are more vulnerable to the impact of the virus.

We begin Spring break with the hope of rest and relaxation; please encourage your sons to still do so. When life becomes stressful and challenging, we know to place our faith and trust in our Father in heaven, because through Him all is possible and He will provide the path for us to come through into the light.

Yours in Christ,

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