

Coronavirus COVID-19 Update

The East Valley Institute of Technology is closely monitoring COVID-19 and is following guidelines that have been issued by state and county authorities.

EVIT will reopen after Spring Break as scheduled on Monday, March 16. Officials with the Arizona Department of Health advised superintendents and school leaders this week that they are **NOT** recommending school closures at this time, even though some districts have opted to close. The health department, Gov. Doug Ducey and the Arizona Department of Education will continue to closely monitor the situation and will provide us with updated guidelines. EVIT also is in contact with our sending school districts so that we will know if they are planning to close.

Although EVIT remains open, students and staff should **NOT** feel compelled to come to school if they are not feeling well. It is more important to ensure that students, staff and their families remain healthy.

Students who attend districts or schools that close will be excused due to Home School Activity, but can attend their classes at EVIT if they choose.

EVIT also is implementing the following measures:

- **Extra measures to clean and sanitize our classrooms and facilities.** Omex and our maintenance crew have been disinfecting all classrooms, labs and office spaces, including doorknobs, panic bars, railings, student lounges and any other spots that are frequently touched. Hand sanitizers have also been added to building reception areas, and when classes resume, the crew will continue to wipe down all doors and rails. These extra measures will be ongoing.
- **Cancel all public tours until further notice.** Starting March 16, public tours of EVIT are canceled.
- **Close Bistro 13 until further notice**
- **Cancel all services provided to the community by EVIT's Cosmetology, Aesthetics, Barbering and Massage Therapy programs**
- **Approve pending trips for student organizations with the understanding that they may have to be canceled as the situation changes**
- **Review all banquets and events currently scheduled in the EVIT Culinary Arts Banquet Hall and determine if they need to be cancelled.** A decision on this will be made next week.
- **Change in perfect attendance rewards for staff and students.** Many of our students have perfect attendance and are competing for a chance to win the perfect attendance car at the end of the school year. EVIT staff also receive a bonus each semester for perfect attendance. This

year, both will be based on March 6 – not the end of the school year. Students who miss school from March 6 on, can still compete for the car as long as they have an excused absence.

The Maricopa County Public Health Department has good information on its website on how to protect yourself from Coronavirus COVID-19. Please visit that site for updates:

<https://www.maricopa.gov/5460/Coronavirus-Disease-2019>