



Campus Closure Extended to Monday

Dear Foothill,

I pray that you are all healthy and safe from the smoke during the closure.



By now, you probably have received district notice that the college will continue to be closed tomorrow (Monday), with an update by 2:00 pm tomorrow as to whether or not it would be closed on Tuesday. All rules regarding the closure since last Thursday will apply to Monday's closure.

We understand the need for resume teaching and learning as soon as possible, though the health and safety of students and employees compel us to be on the safe side. Although conditions have improved since Thursday, the air quality continues to be poor and this prolonged state of poor to unhealthy air quality is disconcerting. It is also challenging to predict with precision the air quality each day, which is why we will re-evaluate on Monday as to Tuesday's closure or not.

I had an extensive call with Chancellor **Judy Miner**, De Anza College President **Christina Espinosa-Pieb**, and Vice President **Kevin McElroy** around 3:00 pm today, and we weighed all these factors.

Colleges and universities varied in their determination as to whether or not to close last week, and whether or not to resume on Monday. It is always important to me that you not only know the decision, but also know the rationale. Thank you in advance for your understanding. Please continue to email me if I need to consider any impacts of the closure so we could address them.

Please also continue to check the [college website](#) for any updates, especially before heading to work on Tuesday. The college website has a dedicated page on the closure and includes a FAQ section.

Emergency Alerts

UPDATE 11/18/18: MAIN CAMPUS AND SUNNYVALE CENTER CLOSED
MONDAY, NOV. 19

Students and Employees: All classes and college activities are cancelled Monday, Nov. 19, due to the ongoing poor air quality. Please stay indoors if you can. We will update this page by 2 p.m. with information about Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Students in Foothill College apprenticeship programs: Please check with your site for individual closure information.

Q. Will the college be closed Monday, Nov. 19? ▶

Q. What does the closure mean for classes and events on campus? ▶

Q. Will faculty and staff have to use leave for this closure? ▶

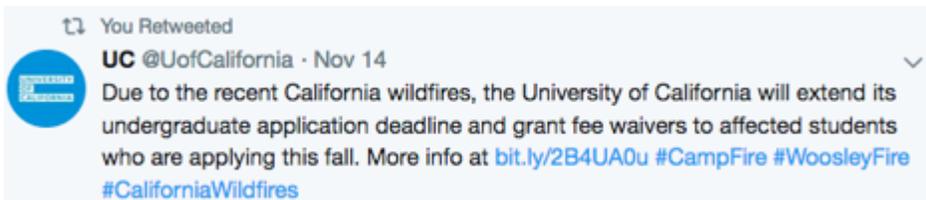
Q. What if I'm okay with the air quality and need to get a lot done on campus; can I still come in? ▶

Q. Where can I get additional information about air quality? ▶

The Silicon Valley Turkey Trot Run that we were planning to organize a Foothill College team to participate in: due to the unpredictable air quality, we will start a team next year instead and now have a whole year to plan! Let lead organizer, Dean **Ram Subramaniam** know if you are interested.

We will continue to honor the withdraw-extension (but no further extension at this time), per my President's Communiqué last week. Thank you **Anthony Cervantes** for making this possible:

“The last day to withdraw from courses for the Fall Term is scheduled for November 16th. However, due to the campus closure the college has decided to extend the **deadline to November 20th** in accordance with California Code of Regulations, Title 5 sections 55024 and 58509. Please note that it is strongly encouraged that students discuss their withdrawing from a class with the instructor of that class and/or with their counselor in order to understand how the withdrawal may affect their academic status. The Foothill Admissions and Records Office will assist you next week if you do decide to withdraw from your courses. If you have any questions you can contact them at 650-949-7325 or you can email them at webregfh@fhda.edu.”



We are looking into these possible extensions by UCs and CSUs, and am getting the word out to students. Cabinet and I having been discussing setting up an “application clinic” to help students, and depending on when we will reopen and timing, we most likely will hold the clinic. More to come on that.

The image this weekend of the U.S. President standing next to two staunch advocates for climate-change policies, Governor **Jerry Brown** and Governor-elect **Gavin Newsom**, in Butte County had me pause and admittedly watch closely their body language when the President spoke. Professor **Scott Lankford** sent me this picture of two Foothill students last week.



Whatever may be the cause for the devastation that our state is facing, I really appreciate our campus community for coming together to support others affected. Had we opened on Monday, our Theater Arts department was going to do a fundraiser for Butte County with the show of “She Kills Monsters” which had to be canceled during the closure. ASFC had also voted to support Butte County with funds, and held a vigil last week for the victims.

If you are looking for an opportunity to support (particularly Butte County due to the unprecedented nature of the devastation), please consider donating to this fund set up by the college president of Butte College. If possible, use your Foothill email address so they know that Foothill College is sending love and support their way.

<https://www.gofundme.com/butte-college-student-relief-fund>



Please refer back to my last communiqué regarding advice from our Health Center, **Alan McClintick**, PA. It took some coaxing to get even one of my own little ones to wear the face mask. And they say she's just like me. <smile>

Be well, Foothill. Can't wait to see you all!

Of Service,

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