

FAQ on Luna's COVID-19 action plan

When do classes resume?

Luna's spring break, originally scheduled March 12-13, has been extended through Friday, March 20. Additionally, while alternate (online or distance education) delivery of classes will begin Monday, March 23, the campus will remain closed to students and the general public until the tentative reopening date of Monday, April 6. Dates are subject to change in response to conditions. Spring break was initially extended through Tuesday, March 17. This initial extension allowed the college to revisit the situation and determine the next course of action – before students were scheduled to return.

What is the college doing to ensure students and employees are safe?

In addition to extending spring break for students, the college is transitioning a number of on-site courses to alternative modes of delivery. The college has cancelled public gatherings and events until further notice. The college is recommending continued vigilance in preventive measures such as frequent hand washing, social distancing, limiting travel and social gatherings, as prescribed by the Centers for Disease Control and the New Mexico Department of Health. The college's facilities crew is working diligently to sanitize the campus, with extra attention to high-traffic areas and high-touch surfaces.

What classes will be moved online?

The college is working to temporarily move many of its courses to an alternate delivery method such as online or distance education. Some courses, such as those that already have an online or hybrid component, are more readily transitioned than others. Classes are scheduled to resume on Monday, March 23. Students are advised to check their Luna e-mail accounts for updates. Students are advised to contact their instructors for information on specific courses. For those courses using GoogleMeet, tutorial help is available: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wtAIRCj4pOw&feature=youtu.be>. For additional training in GoogleSuite, you may e-mail bmontano@luna.edu.

What about clinicals for nursing and dental assisting?

Students who have courses with clinical



rotations or other off-campus assignments are advised to check with their instructors for any schedule changes.

What about physical education classes and the wellness center? Will the gym be open?

The Gerald P. Ortega Wellness Center will be closed through at least April 5.

What is happening with Rough Rider baseball and softball?

As with other schools affiliated with the National Junior College Athletic Association, Luna has cancelled the remainder of its spring baseball and softball seasons. The NJCAA is also extending the hardship season completion ruling to 60 percent; should teams cancel their seasons before the limit is reached, student-athletes will not be charged a year of eligibility.

Will student services offices be available while the campus is closed to students?

The campus will be closed to students and the general public through April 5. Tutoring via the ACE lab and most other student services and other offices will remain open and functional during the break; students seeking these services should contact these offices via e-mail or telephone. Some e-mail addresses that may be helpful: Registrar's Office, registrar@luna.edu; Financial Aid, finaid@luna.edu; Student Success Center, studentsuccess@luna.edu; Academic Center for Excellence (ACE lab), rvarela@luna.edu; Learning Resource Center, lrc@luna.edu; Informational Technology, support@luna.edu. The full directory is available online at luna.edu/directory.

Will the preschool/daycare be open?

The Luna preschool is closed through at least April 5. Current parents will be notified of any further schedule changes.

What will happen to the public events

scheduled on campus later this semester?

Events scheduled on campus have been suspended or cancelled. At this point, commencement exercises in May will run as scheduled but could be affected as well.

Do employees have to be on campus?

Employees were to report to work on March 16 as scheduled. Some employees may be able to work remotely (from home), depending on arrangements with department supervisors. Social distancing and other precautions are recommended for employees on campus.

Public schools were ordered closed for three weeks. Why isn't Luna closed for that time?

Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham and the state Public Education Department ordered the closure of public schools (K-12) through Friday, April 3. However, this does not apply to higher educational institutions such as Luna. Colleges and universities were left with the discretion to make alterations as needed to their own schedules and hours of operation. Luna will continue to monitor the ongoing pandemic and evaluate and make adjustments as appropriate, balancing the overriding need to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 (and protect the health and safety of the campus community) with the need to maintain operations and services to our students.

How do I find out the latest news and information about measures being taken on campus?

The college will publish updates on its social media pages (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram) and its website, luna.edu. We will also e-mail updates as needed to students and employees via their campus e-mail accounts. The Rave alert system (available free via the website) will keep subscribers informed of closures and changes to campus hours. And the college will share its updates with local media outlets as needed.

For New Mexico status updates regarding coronavirus, visit <https://cv.nmhealth.org>

For national status updates: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>