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Polk State College closing to students March 16 - March 29

Friday, March 13, 2020 — Polk State College is suspending **all** instruction including face-to-face, online, and hybrid classes starting Monday, March 16, 2020, until Monday, March 30, 2020, when the College reopens from spring break. Students should not visit the College's campuses and centers during this period in an abundance of caution to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19), although there are currently no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Polk County.

Faculty and staff will report to work next week and use this time as an opportunity to assist faculty with transitioning their courses fully or partially online so that when the College reopens from spring break, as many classes as possible will be available in online or hybrid formats for instruction to continue throughout the spring semester. Additionally, custodial staff will continue to thoroughly clean and sanitize the College's facilities.

Students are encouraged to take this time to prepare and take care of their families. It is also critical to closely monitor Polk State emails and College accounts, as well as www.polk.edu and the College's social media for updates. More information and answers to frequently asked questions regarding the coronavirus are available on the College's [COVID-19 webpage](#).

If students need assistance with advising and registration during this time, they may email registrar@polk.edu. If they need assistance with financial aid, they may email financialaid@polk.edu. Students may also call the College at 863.297.1000.

About Polk State College

Located in Winter Haven, Florida, and established in 1964, Polk State College is a multi-campus institution serving more than 16,000 students with Bachelor of Applied Science, Bachelor of Science, Associate in Arts, and Associate in Science degrees, as well as a wide range of certificate and workforce training options. The College also operates three charter high schools.

Polk State's advantages include small class sizes; hands-on learning; dedicated faculty; day and night classes; online options; affordable tuition; excellent financial aid; and a

diverse community and vibrant student life, including fine arts opportunities, clubs, and intercollegiate athletics.