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Merced College Students,

It has been brought to our attention that a text message sent yesterday has caused some confusion regarding our fall 2020 semester. The message was sent to students previously enrolled in one or more face-to-face classes that were transitioned to fully online for the fall 2020 term.

To be clear, Merced College still plans to offer both face-to-face and online class offerings for the fall 2020 semester. No decision has been made to transition all of instruction to an online modality. Unless the pandemic becomes progressively worse (versus the improvements we are seeing and that were announced by the Governor last week), **we will continue to monitor and assess the developments through consultation with local health officials with the goal of making a final decision regarding the fall 2020 term no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>.**

For those students who are taking online classes, please visit our [website for resources](#) to assist students with online classes and [technology support](#). For additional information and support services, please visit the [Student Services website](#).

Thank you for your cooperation, understanding, and resilience in dealing with the ongoing challenges associated with this pandemic.



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