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## **HCC Continues Online Instruction from Home**

**WELDON, N.C.** – Halifax Community College (HCC) leadership has developed new restrictions for the campus based on Gov. Roy Cooper’s Executive Order 121, his “shelter-in-place” directive for the entire state of North Carolina, effective March 30 at 5 p.m.

“The latest executive order from Gov. Roy Cooper is certainly one that is difficult, but not completely unexpected,” said Dr. Michael Elam, president of HCC. “However, the faculty and staff of HCC have positioned the College to respond quickly and efficiently to the restrictions without sacrificing the quality of education and services provided to our students.”

Effective March 30, all employees must work from home with only essential staff being on campus. All previously scheduled continuing education, basic law enforcement training, and Fire/EMS classes will cease at 5 p.m. on March 30.

HCC had already canceled all upcoming events, as well as postponed its 2020 graduation ceremony until Aug. 1. HCC shifted to an online-only instructional model as the COVID-19 cases continued to increase across the state. On-campus classes, including laboratory-based classes and applied sciences, ended on March 20.

“One of the greatest strengths of Halifax Community College is its faculty and staff,” Elam said. “They have all come together and collaborated so well to maintain continuity for our students and keep their educational journeys moving forward. While the new restrictions will be challenging, the infrastructure is in place already for our students.”

Students can still contact their instructors and advisors via email or telephone. In addition, registration for the summer and fall semesters is still taking place beginning March 30. Curriculum students can register by going online to [www.halifaxcc.edu](http://www.halifaxcc.edu) and clicking on the WebAdvisor link. Finally, all student support services, counseling, and tutoring services are still available online and via telephone for all students.

For more information, please contact the President’s office at 252-536-6399.

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