

Dear Palomar College Students,

It wasn't too long ago that we announced our need to make the week of March 16 – 21, a non-instructional period to provide time for our faculty to prepare to deliver all courses in a remote format starting March 30. Fast forward to last Thursday night and Governor Newsom's statewide Stay at Home order for an indefinite period of time as it reaffirmed our decision. First and foremost, we remain focused on your success and minimizing the spread of COVID-19.

We know that remote delivery of coursework has caused some angst, and we want to address some of the concerns we have heard. Please continue to read the summary below, and if you do not find an answer to your particular question, please visit [our new Student FAQ page](#), where you can submit your question(s) or call 760-744-1150 to speak with the appropriate department.

1. Spring semester classes will begin again on March 30, 2020 and will be taught remotely; this could mean online via our Canvas platform, or web conference via Zoom, or by phone and/or email. The last day of the Spring 2020 semester is May 23, 2020. Sadly, commencement has been cancelled.
2. Due to the declaration of March 16 – 21 as a non-instructional week, we interrupted the final week of 8-week classes and 4-week classes. This last week of coursework will start again on March 30 and end on Saturday, April 4. Instructors will be reaching out to their students to provide more information.
3. Students who are enrolled in 8-week classes for the remainder of the spring semester will start on April 6 and will last for only 7 weeks (April 6 – May 23). This means that the same amount of work will be expected in a shorter period of time.
4. 4-week courses that were scheduled to start on March 30 will begin on April 6 instead.
5. The final 4-week course offerings scheduled to start on April 27 will begin as originally scheduled and end on May 23.

If you have specific questions regarding your course, please try contacting your instructor and if you are unable to reach him/her, please contact the chairperson of the department.

We are also working on reviewing and updating our processes regarding withdrawals and refunds. This information will be made available during the week of March 30 and will soon be included in our FAQs.

We really appreciate your patience and understanding as we made the necessary changes to our course schedule while maintaining our commitment to keep students, faculty, staff and administrators safe and to ensure that you will receive the best education possible during this very unusual time.

Sincerely,

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