

STUDENT UPDATE FROM PRESIDENT PAUL CARLSEN – March 27, 2020

LTC Students,

Please know that I, and everyone at Lakeshore Technical College, are committed to your success during and after this unprecedented time. With the Safer At Home order now in effect until April 24th, and the possibility of a continuation of that order, we are currently planning for the following:

- **The Spring Semester will be extended to May 15th** to account for the extension of Spring Break for one week.
- **Lab courses will resume beginning April 24th, pending no further Governor-action or extension of Safer At Home.** LTC is committed to working with students to ensure they complete their lab courses by the extended semester end date of May 15th. Social distancing will be necessary when offering the labs, so there may be adjustments in schedules and how instruction is delivered. Faculty will communicate next steps with impacted students beginning the week of April 6th. In the event the Safer at Home order is extended past April 24th, we will be cancelling lab courses.
- **Online courses**, including those that recently transitioned to online format, will remain in this format until the end of the semester.
- **Class Registration for Summer and Fall will open on April 7th.** New and returning service members may register on April 6th.
- **Select Public Safety courses will resume the week of April 20th.** The Governor has explicitly excluded first responder training academies from the Safer At Home order due to the public health emergency. We will offer only those courses which will allow students to join the workforce at the end of the semester. Faculty will communicate with students next week with next steps.
- **With deep regret, I am also sharing we have made the difficult decision to cancel our spring graduation ceremony and all graduation-related celebrations.** I understand this is disappointing. Know this decision was made to protect the health of our students and their families, our faculty, our staff, and our entire community. Instead, we will be holding virtual graduation ceremonies and all graduates will be invited back for an in-person graduation ceremony this coming fall (the date is to be determined).

We will get through these challenging times, and we will get through them together.

Sincerely,
Paul Carlsen