

## College Update on State of Emergency – January 13, 2025

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Greetings Team GCC,

Foremost, I hope this message finds you and your families safe. As you know, over this last week, our GCC community has been impacted in varying degrees by the tremendous destruction caused by the fires and strong winds. For all affected, and especially those who have suffered significant loss, we are here for you and will dedicate every available resource we have to support you during these difficult times.

The College is currently in its own recovery process. As I write, our activated Emergency Operations Center (EOC) continues work on 3 core objectives:

1. To facilitate the safe full reopening of all GCC Campuses.
2. To support all students and employees impacted by the local fires.
3. To ensure all related damage on campus is fully identified and mitigated to pre-emergency status.

To ensure your safe return, our full team of essential personnel has been working hard to prepare our campuses for reopening. Today, Facilities and management teams completed a final physical assessment of the campuses. We have been thorough in readying to resume in-person instruction and services. The following steps are being taken to support the campus reopening, anticipated for Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

- Internal air filters and external air handler filters in all buildings are being replaced.
- Interior air quality in each building is being tested on-site by an external air quality expert.
- Interior surfaces are being cleaned in accordance with all applicable Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) standards and expert guidance from our air quality expert.

With these actions, **we now plan to safely reopen Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> 2025**. However, we will continue to closely monitor all relevant conditions and be prepared to address any unforeseen changes. The next, and hopefully finalized update on the College's reopening will be provided tomorrow afternoon on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, **so please continue to check email regularly**.

### Upon Return

Air quality has continued to drastically improve since last week and all facilities should be accessible to you as they normally are with the exception of sections of the Vaquero Athletic Complex which will remain under emergency repair for wind damage. KN95 masks will be available for anyone who wishes to use them. All exterior doors, windows, and window screens should be kept closed to minimize debris from entering our buildings. Any department that needs assistance for their physical work area should submit a [Facilities Work Order](#). For any OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) questions/support, please contact Heidi Jenkins ([hjenkins@glendale.edu](mailto:hjenkins@glendale.edu)).

### Support for Impacted Individuals

Along with safely reopening our doors, we are fully committed to supporting our impacted community members through this disaster. If you have been directly impacted by this emergency, please prioritize your well-being and that of your family. If you've not yet done so, please notify your supervisor about your situation so we can connect you with available resources and referrals, as well as plan for any time you may need away from work.

If you, or any employee or student you know have been impacted, please let us know through the following intake forms:

- [Student Referral Form](#)
- [Employee Assistance Form](#)

You may also contact Human Resources for help or questions directly by emailing [HRAid@glendale.edu](mailto:HRAid@glendale.edu). Questions on emergency aid for students should be directed to [cares@glendale.edu](mailto:cares@glendale.edu).

Understanding your needs as well as the needs of your students and department team members will help us provide the best possible support. Please continue to identify where any level of assistance from GCC may be needed right now, with the understanding that those in our community who suffered the loss of their home due to the fires will be prioritized.

Finally, as a reminder, as resilient as this community is, we know this situation has been difficult on the community at-large and support you in doing what you need to take care of yourself. Both your physical and mental well-being are important.

**For Employees:** FREE 24/7 access to personal/mental health counseling through our Employee Assistance Program (EAP) is available by calling 1 (800) 344-9752 or visiting [guidanceresources.com](http://guidanceresources.com) (Choose "Register" at login screen and enter web ID NYLGBS when prompted).

**For Students:** FREE 24/7 access to personal/mental health counseling is available through [TimelyCare](#) and our [Health Center](#).

Our expanded list of resources and links to community information will continue to be available at [Glendale.edu/fires](http://Glendale.edu/fires).

Circumstances like these we now face are often the most revealing of what kind of community we are and who we strive to be. I am reminded, more than ever, how proud I am to be part of this great college and work alongside you all. Thank you for your consistent compassion, care, and strength in showing up for one another and our students. We could not get through this without you.



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