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Dear Students,

Welcome to the 2021 Spring Semester and know GCC faculty and staff are continuing to do all we can to meet your educational needs while assuring your health and safety. While you are focused now on this semester, I recognize it is important for you to be aware of our plans for the future. Therefore, this letter is to inform you that Glendale Community College will continue to conduct credit and noncredit classes in a remote learning environment through the 2021 summer session (June 14 – August 20, 2021) and fall semester (August 30 – December 15, 2021). I am sharing this information with you well in advance so that you can make informed decisions regarding your educational goals.

In recent weeks, there has been encouraging progress in the nationwide coronavirus vaccination effort, but the nation and our community are a long way from reaching the point where we can safely bring students back to our Verdugo, Garfield, and Professional Development campuses. The well-being of our students, faculty, staff, and community is our number one priority and forms the foundation of our decision-making process.

In addition to making decisions based on safety, we must also consider the logistics of operating a college district with more than fifteen thousand students and staff. This includes establishing class schedules, publicizing course offerings and determining the few classes that may be necessary to offer through in-person instruction. By committing to remote instruction now, we can focus on making your GCC educational experience successful and work to implement the innovative strategies that will help you to reach your educational goals in a vibrant and challenging environment.

Our GCC faculty and staff have done a remarkable job creating an engaging curriculum for your remote instruction and student services that meet your needs. A recent survey of our students indicated that the vast majority students reported doing well to very well in the remote learning environment. However, we are committed to doing better for the up to 14 percent of students that said they were experiencing difficulties. We want to ensure all students receive the support they need to succeed and thrive.

If you or someone you know is struggling, please take advantage of our remote instruction resource page glendale.edu/remote for useful links and tips to help you. If you require more personal assistance, do not hesitate to speak with one of our [academic counselors](#) or [mental health counselors](#).

I wish you the best in successfully completing the academic year and your educational goals. The skills you have developed during these unprecedented times will serve you well throughout your life.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Viar'.

David Viar
Superintendent/President