

March 15, 2020

Dear EVIT parent,

Effective Monday, March 16, the East Valley Institute of Technology is closed until further notice in an effort to help protect our students and staff during the Coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak. EVIT administration will be meeting this week to consider options for online learning while our campuses are closed.

We did not make this decision or our original decision to stay open lightly. We are making decisions we believe to be in the best interests of our students, staff and families based on the information available to us at the time from health officials and the schools we serve. The nature of this situation is such that circumstances are constantly changing. In the past 24 hours, several more of our sending school districts who told us Friday they would be open, have since decided to close; other districts are still on Spring Break this week. We are also aware of and sensitive to the concerns of our employees and families who have underlying health conditions or loved ones at home who are particularly vulnerable.

This closure also includes:

- Cancellation of all public tours until further notice
- Closure of Bistro 13 until further notice
- Review of pending trips for student organizations for possible cancellation
- Review of all banquets and events currently scheduled in the EVIT Culinary Arts Banquet Hall for possible cancellation

We urge you to follow the guidelines state and federal officials have issued to help keep your family healthy and contain the spread of the Coronavirus. Please visit the Maricopa County Public Health Department website for updates: <https://www.maricopa.gov/5460/Coronavirus-Disease-2019>

We will update you via email as our next decisions are made. You can also find updates on our website – www.evit.com.

We appreciate your patience as we all work together to keep our EVIT community healthy and safe during this difficult time.

Thank you,

EVIT Superintendent Dr. Chad Wilson