Dear Parents,

As noted in President Christian’s Renegade Roundup on March 15th, Bakersfield College is responding to the need for social distancing to slow down the spread of COVID-19 by continuing our mission to provide high quality instruction and student services from a distance. At this time, the Child Development Center remains open to those parents who wish to utilize the center’s services.

As a parent myself, I understand that many of you may wish to keep your child at home in order to practice social distancing. From our CDC Family Handbook, you know already that if your child is ill, you should call 661-395-4369, select option 3, to report the absence. In addition, if you wish to keep your child home in order to engage in social distancing, you should also call 661-395-4369, select option 3, to report the absence. Please note that “quarantine of a child” is a recognized and valid reason for an excused absence. As long as you call in your excused absences, your continued participation in the Child Development Center program will not be impacted.

I hope this letter helps to clarify the CDC absence policy. The safety and wellness of your children remain our highest priority.

In closing, as we continue to monitor the evolution of the spread of COVID-19 and the guidance of public health professionals, I encourage you to stay closely connected to the BC campus updates by visiting our webpage: https://www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/covid19. Also, continue to communicate directly with your faculty for individual class updates.

We are BC!

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