

March 4, 2022

Dr. Rosevonne Pato
President
American Samoa Community College
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Dear President Pato:

The Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) is aware of the announcement by Governor Lemanu P. S. Mauga elevating American Samoa's COVID-19 threat level to Code Red, effective February 22, 2022¹. This declaration comes as local health officials have identified community transmission of the COVID-19 virus in the territory.

Per this announcement, a Code Red classification requires all schools to close and activate virtual learning, and American Samoa Community College is required to close all campus operations immediately.

In order to support your institution and allow students to complete the current term with uninterrupted instruction and access to student services, ACCJC grants temporary authorization to American Samoa Community College to deliver instruction via Distance Education². This temporary approval will extend through the Spring 2022 semester. Your institution has provided ACCJC with sufficient evidence of preparation for this modality change, and your ACCJC staff liaison is available to answer any questions you may have or provide more information, if necessary.

On behalf of the Commission, we thank you for your continued commitment to academic quality in higher education and extend our full support and assistance at this time.

Sincerely,



Cindy Miles, Ph.D.
Interim President

Cc: Mr. Sonny Leomiti, Accreditation Liaison Officer
Ms. Martina Fernandez-Rosario, U.S. Department of Education

¹ [Governor Orders to Elevate Territorial COVID-19 Threat Level](#)

² See U.S. Dept. of Education "[Information for Accrediting Agencies Regarding Temporary Flexibilities to Coronavirus](#)"