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**SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE CLOSED THROUGH SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15
DUE TO FIRES, SMOKE, EVACUATIONS IN THE REGION**

Santa Rosa – Santa Rosa Junior College (SRJC) has announced that it will be closed through Sunday, October 15.

All classes are cancelled at campuses in Santa Rosa and Petaluma, and sites in Southwest Santa Rosa, Shone Farm in Forestville, and Public Safety Training Center in Windsor. Cancellation includes online classes, Community Education, Older Adults and Adult Education classes. Officials cited danger due to fire, smoke, and changing weather conditions, and challenges for students and employees who have lost their homes or have had to evacuate.

All District-sponsored activities and events are cancelled including:

- Cultural events including LumaFest (scheduled for October 14), Shone Farm Fall Festival (scheduled for October 14), and theatre arts performances of “It Can’t Happen Here” (scheduled for October 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15).
- Home and away athletic events

“The safety of our students, faculty, and staff are of utmost importance to SRJC,” said Dr. Frank Chong, Superintendent/President. “Beyond that, we have already developed plans for helping those who need support to begin recovering from these tragic events, and those plans will continue to evolve.”

The college’s Emergency Operations Center is continually evaluating the situation and refining support systems for SRJC students and employees.

SRJC has extensive information on the website at www.santarosa.edu describing ways they are helping students, faculty and staff. They’ve encouraged students and employees who have been heavily impacted by these fires to reach out for help and not to return quickly to work or classes if they are unable to.

Updates are being posted regularly on the website and on social media, <https://www.facebook.com/santarosajc>, <https://twitter.com/SantaRosaJC>, <https://www.instagram.com/santarosajc/>, and at 707-527-4011.

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