

## A Message from President Pemberton

**Warriors,**

We have now safely and successfully completed six weeks of instruction this fall at Lewis-Clark State College. Hooray for us and kudos to all faculty, staff and students who have worked hard to make it happen. This has been no small feat. With this message, I want to say thank you, encourage you to stay committed to what has helped get us this far, and to announce plans for spring semester.

### **Stay the Course**

With the success we've had this fall, it's easy to get complacent. But please don't. Face coverings, social distancing, hand washing, and symptom reporting have allowed us to keep moving forward this fall, and we can't let up now. Here are two things I ask you to do:

1. Reread and recommit to the [Warrior Wellness Pledge](#) (which nearly all students have signed, thank you!) and please review and continue to watch for new information at [www.lcsc.edu/coronavirus](http://www.lcsc.edu/coronavirus).
2. Let us know what we can do better as well as your ideas to help us move successfully through the fall and into the spring semester, by emailing [coronavirus@lcsc.edu](mailto:coronavirus@lcsc.edu).

### **Spring 2020 Outlook**

#### **Start Date**

Spring classes will start on Jan. 19, 2021, as scheduled. As was the case at the start of fall semester, LC State students will be expected to self-quarantine for 14 days prior to the start of classes.

- Residence students will be allowed to occupy campus housing and access food services beginning Monday, Jan. 4, 2021 (thereby facilitating an on-campus two-week quarantine).
  - Alternately, residence students and student-athletes who do not want or are unable to arrive on campus early to quarantine prior to the start of class will be required to present evidence of a negative COVID-19 test prior to the start of classes. Students will be informed about details related to this requirement including the deadline and process for sharing test results later this semester.
- CARES funding designated to help mitigate student expenses associated with the pandemic is available (e.g., to cover the cost of housing and food associated with on-campus quarantining and/or COVID-19 testing). For information [view the application form](#).

#### **Instruction & Protocol**

Like this fall, LC State will have a blend of protocol compliant face-to-face, remote, and hybrid learning options. Classrooms and all of campus will continue to require close adherence to COVID-19 campus safety protocols.

#### **Calendar Adjustments**

Spring Break will be observed on April 26-30 (instead of March 29-April 2). Also, the holiday on Monday, Feb. 15, will be "traded" for a day off on Wednesday, March 10, meaning classes will be held on Monday, Feb. 15.

#### **Final Exams**

As is the case this fall, the last two weeks of spring semester classes will be delivered remotely, with final exams given during Final Exam Week remotely.

- The Testing Center will be open for testing with limited capacity.
- The Library will be open as a Clean Zone for LC State students and employees only.
- There may be some exceptions granted, per specific program needs.

#### **Commencement**

At this time, LC State is planning for an in-person Commencement Ceremony. It will be held as scheduled, Friday, May 14, with separate events held outside at Harris Field throughout the day for CTE, Professional Studies, and Liberal Arts & Sciences graduates. All 2020 and 2021 graduates will be invited to participate in these live events. No Coeur d'Alene commencement ceremony will be held. Details to be finalized and communicated as we move into the spring semester.

I'm sincerely grateful to all of you for your continued commitment to yourselves, to others, and to LC State, and I'm excited about what we have and will accomplish together.

Stay strong, Warriors. Stay strong.

Cynthia Pemberton, Ed.D.  
President

