Oklahoma State System of Higher Education Response to COVID-19

Questions regarding the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education’s response to COVID-19 may be directed to Kylie Smith, Vice Chancellor of Administration, at ksmith@osrhe.edu.

Research Tier

Oklahoma State University (as of October 20)

Employees: Although the Stillwater campus has reopened, OSU will continue to offer temporary telework work options to faculty and staff as an option to continue worked, as directed by their supervisor. During temporary remote work options, employees should plan to be available during normal business hours to perform their regular tasks, as well as to attend meetings virtually. Employees working remotely may be required to report to campus at certain times such as for certain meetings and may be asked to return to their regular, in-office work location with short notice. All OSU students, faculty, contractors, vendors, suppliers and visitors must wear a face covering upon entering any public building on campus. OSU is providing health and safety materials and supplies for the campus. Eight disposable surgical masks are being provided to all OSU full-time employees. Two washable cloth face coverings are on order for all OSU full-time and temporary employees. Two oz. bottles of hand sanitizer will be provided for all OSU employees and 16 oz. bottles of hand sanitizer are on order for department use. Sick employees must stay home. For more information on OSU’s personal health guidelines, please visit https://go.okstate.edu/coronavirus/campus-reopening-plan/plan-at-a-glance/personal-health-guidelines.html. University Health Services established a new reporting tool as part of their proactive health initiative for supervisors to report employees who test positive for COVID-19 and require additional assistance. Supervisors are asked to complete the “Report a Workplace COVID Case” when you are notified an employee has tested positive.

Students: The Student Union is open. Current building hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Hours will be adjusted as students return to campus. Many of the services in the building have resumed regular operating hours. Some departments housed within the building are still telecommuting. Library business hours will be reduced during the fall semester to allow time for overnight cleaning and sanitizing. All OSU students, faculty, contractors, vendors, suppliers and visitors must wear a face covering upon entering any public building on campus. OSU is providing health and safety materials and supplies for the campus. Students with health-related concerns regarding wearing a face covering for class should contact Student Accessibility Services at 405-744-7116 or accessibility@okstate.edu. Two oz. bottles of hand sanitizer will be provided for all OSU students and 16 oz. bottles of hand sanitizer are on order for department use. Student events this fall will follow guidelines of state and local health officials with regards to the limits on attendees. OSU’s policy regarding social distancing guidelines and requirements of masks will apply. All Greek chapters will follow the campus reopening guidelines from OSU as they pertain to daily life in a chapter house. Chapters are urged to comply with CDC guidelines by holding virtual events where possible and follow social distancing measures, increase cleaning/disinfection of facilities and other protocols.

Housing and Dining: OSU is mandating that everyone who lives in the residence halls or Family and Graduate Student Housing to be tested prior to checking into their assigned living space. Further information about testing and procedures will be sent to every resident’s okstate email address prior to their assigned move-in day. OSU is also implementing a staggered move-in schedule for campus residents. Campus residents will receive a mask when they check into their residence hall. Information regarding move-in procedures can be found at: https://go.okstate.edu/coronavirus/latest-announcements/20-21moving-in.html. University Dining Services has reduced the capacity for seating to allow for social distancing within OSU dining facilities. Some dining operations will only be available via an online ordering app to reduce waiting time and exposure risk. Take-out and delivery options are
strongly encouraged. There will be approximately 300 bed spaces available for quarantine. These will be assigned as needed as space is available.

Commencement: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Oklahoma State University’s May commencement ceremonies will be held virtually on Dec. 11-12. The virtual ceremonies will honor spring and summer graduates in addition to fall 2020 degree candidates. More detailed information will be provided in the near future.

Travel: All university-affiliated international travel for students, regardless of location or nature, has been canceled, including summer study abroad trips. Faculty or staff international travel is also currently prohibited.

Summer 2020 Courses: The Dean’s Council unanimously agreed to move all intersession (with the exception of August intercession and summer courses) online in order to further comply with social distancing guidelines set forth by health officials. Students enrolled in summer courses will receive additional information soon from their instructor via email or Canvas. All summer camps originally scheduled to be held on the Stillwater campus are canceled. All OSU events scheduled through July 1 will be held virtually, rescheduled or canceled. This includes, but it not limited to recruitment events, tours, student programs, reunions, performances, conferences and social events. New Student Orientation will remain a virtual experience all summer regardless of date. We will continue to evaluate event hosting and will issue an announcement regarding events slated after July 1. OSU has made the decision to waive online fees for all online summer 2020 classes, including summer intersession.

Fall 2020: Students can find their enrollment date in the Notes section of their Student Profile in Self-Service or on the Office of the Registrar page. Oklahoma State University intends to have on-campus classes this fall. Our campus leadership and COVID-19 Advisory Group are working on a variety of plans to ensure the wellbeing of our community remains paramount. The sweeping plans will consider classroom size, class structures and schedules, safety in student housing and protective methods for monitoring and maintaining our collective and individual health. We will assess our plans and timeline as we closely monitor the state’s decline in COVID-19 cases and will share with you detailed plans this summer.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Please visit https://go.okstate.edu/coronavirus/index.html to see OSU’s return-to-campus schedule and plan and personal health guidelines. All OSU students, faculty, contractors, vendors, suppliers and visitors must wear a face covering upon entering any public building on campus. OSU has launched a Coronavirus dashboard: https://go.okstate.edu/coronavirus/statistics.html

Spring 2020: Winter Break will be extended one week and classes will begin a week later on Tuesday, January 19. We will not be having spring break in order to avoid another possible surge in COVID cases due to student travel. This approach will allow us to finish the semester on schedule.

Community Support: Oklahoma State University is helping Oklahoma ramp up its COVID-19 testing capability after procuring supplies sufficient to analyze approximately 10,000 COVID-19 test samples being taken by health care professionals across the state. Through coordination with partners from the OSU Center for Health Sciences, the lab has been certified by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to run the tests for COVID-19. In partnership with the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), OSU’s certified diagnostic laboratory has the personnel and equipment to begin testing. The OSU Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab has played a critical role in testing hundreds of Oklahomans for COVID-19, far more than the state’s resources originally could allow. The Animal Disease Diagnostic Lab received enough supply to conduct 10,000 tests, and it has a maximum capacity to conduct more than 2,000 tests in one day. This puts OSU in a position to carry out the highest number of COVID-19 tests of any lab inside Oklahoma’s borders. OSU is offering free COVID-19 oral swab testing for students and employees at University Health Services on the main Stillwater campus. The voluntary drive-up/walk-up service will be by appointment to OSU students and employees. To make an appointment, patients should call (405) 744-7665 or login to your Patient Portal to schedule an appointment. Patients should bring their OSU Stillwater ID on testing day. The OSU Alumni Association and OSU Foundation have created a page to offer assistance to Cowboys in need and provide ways for Cowboys to help each other: https://cowboy.family/
CARES Act: With federal funding now available, OSU is able to provide some financial assistance to our students who have been economically impacted by this global pandemic. We are referring to this relief effort at OSU as the Cowboy CARES Emergency Grant. Students please log in at my.okstate.edu to complete the application form under the Student tab to be considered for the Cowboy CARES Emergency Grant funding. We also ask faculty and staff members who know of students needing help to please direct them to the application form in the portal. Funding for this emergency financial assistance is limited and may vary from person to person. For more information, contact the Scholarships and Financial Aid office at (405) 744-6604 or finaid@okstate.edu

Contact for Health-Related Questions: University Health Services, 1202 W. Farm Road, Stillwater, OK 74078, Open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., (405) 744-7665

University of Oklahoma (as of October 20)

Employees: Beginning Monday, August 3, the Norman campus Phase III return plan will begin. Those employees who have been directed by their supervisors to return to work on campus will be required to do so on or before August 3. Remote working arrangements will still be broadly encouraged, where practical and approved by supervisors, throughout Phase III. Employees who believe they have a condition that may prevent them from returning to campus and/or resuming their normal job duties may request accommodation through OU Human Resources. Staff may also make requests for flexibility in their work arrangement in accordance with the staff flexibility guidelines provided by Human Resources. Employees will be provided masks and all individuals in indoor University facilities must wear fabric or disposable surgical-style masks that cover their nose and mouth. Individuals may remove masks only if they are in their own enclosed private workspace with no one else present and while participating in activities in which a face mask cannot practically be worn, such as eating and drinking or playing a musical instrument or singing as part of their work. The University has created a new policy and resource programs to help meet the needs and challenges OU employees may be facing regarding unexpected costs for care for family members. Funds for the program are limited. Benefits eligible employees with a .50 FTE or higher can apply for the OU Family Care Resources policy at https://www.ou.edu/web/news_events/articles/news_2020/new-family-care-resources-policy.

Students: Students will be provided masks and all individuals in indoor University facilities must wear fabric or disposable surgical-style masks that cover their nose and mouth. Individuals may remove masks when inside University facilities only when alone in an enclosed room and while participating in activities in which a face mask cannot practically be worn, such as eating and drinking or playing a musical instrument or singing as part of an academic assignment. Students are not required to wear masks in their dorm rooms, but are strongly encouraged to do so, particularly when others are present. Students must inform their guests that each guest must wear a surgical-style mask that covers their nose and mouth while in University facilities, as required by this policy. If a student indicates compliance with this Masks for Students policy is not possible due to medical reasons, the student should be referred to the Accessibility & Disability Resource Center to request an accommodation. Access to campus buildings will return to normal operations on August 3, 2020. Third-party food delivery services may not enter or be given access to enter campus buildings. Individuals ordering from these services must arrange to meet the delivery person outside of the building. Sarkeys Fitness Center will resume operations for Fall 2020. Study areas throughout University Libraries have been marked to promote social distancing. Study rooms are available for reservation and must be reserved for use. A number of library services are now available by appointment only. All gatherings and events on university property, as well as OU-sponsored events held off campus (including classes, athletic events, co-curricular events, registered student organization events and general campus events), must adhere to the COVID-19 capacity limits as determined for each venue. The type and date of an event can impact capacity limits. All gatherings and events must also observe the university’s masking and social distancing guidelines. Third-party events unaffiliated with the university are prohibited through at least December 31, 2020 unless approved by the Campus Scheduling Office.
Housing and Dining: All students moving into campus housing at the University of Oklahoma must take a COVID-19 test before arrival. Only residents of the Kraettli Apartments are exempt from the testing requirement because of the facility’s lower population density and family-style housing. OU will mail at-home test to students through Vault Health. All campus residents are required to complete an online health screening five days before returning to Norman. Students must complete this step regardless of their test result. Those who test positive must stay home from campus until OU Health Services allows them to move to their residence hall. For information regarding move-in procedures, please visit: https://www.ou.edu/housingandfood/move-in. Bookmark Café at Bizzell Memorial Library, Starbucks at the Oklahoma Memorial Union, Jan Marie and Richard J. Crawford University Club at the Oklahoma Memorial Union, Freshens at Sarkeys Fitness Center, Bedrock Café at Sarkeys Energy Center, Redbud Café at Sam Noble Museum, and The Trailer at OU will be closed for the duration of Fall 2020. Couch Restaurants, Residential Colleges Dining, and Wagner Dining will accept meal plans only. At these three locations, there will be no cash or credit cards, no staff discounts, no departmental meetings, and no outside groups due to limited available seating require to facilitate proper social distancing. All other Food Service locations will not accept cash in order to help reduce contact during payment. Students will still be permitted to sit and dine in OU dining halls, with certain safety protocols in place. There will be no self-serve lines, and grab-and-go options will be available. Third-party food delivery services may not enter or be given access to enter campus buildings. Individuals ordering from these services must arrange to meet the delivery person outside of the building. If an OU Housing resident tests positive during the semester, they will be provided a room to temporarily live in to self-isolate.

Commencement: The University of Oklahoma will honor its fall 2020 graduates in a virtual graduation ceremony. This virtual ceremony will be held starting at 7 p.m. CST Friday, December 18. Along with OU alumni who graduated in May 2020, December graduates will also be invited to participate in next year’s university-wide in-person spring Commencement ceremony.

Travel: For all employees, students, resident physicians, and mission-critical campus visitors/vendors – If you have returned from domestic or international travel in the last 14 days, you must complete a screening for assessment and clearance PRIOR to returning to campus. Domestic travel is defined as travel outside the state of Oklahoma. Please note that campus is closed to visitors and vendors who are not considered mission-critical. OU employees, students, and resident physicians: please complete the online COVID-19 Travel Screening Form (found on the OU COVID-19 website) as soon as possible. Mission-Critical Campus Visitors/Vendors: Contact the appropriate campus for a screening (Norman Campus – 405-325-8732; OUHSC – 405-271-2577 or employee-health@ouhsc.edu; OU-Tulsa – 918-660-3102 or TulsaStudentHealth@ouhsc.edu). All OU study abroad for fall 2020 has been canceled.

Summer 2020 Courses: Norman campus summer classes will be offered exclusively online. This includes Norman-based programs at OU-Tulsa. Students wishing to enroll for summer session may do so by visiting ou.edu/summersession. Services like OU Libraries, the Writing Center, Student Learning Center, and Information Technology, have gone to great lengths to assure that students will be seamlessly served virtually. Students enrolled in Health Sciences Center programs have received or will soon receive direct communications from their colleges about online instruction and modifications to clinical and community-based instruction.

Fall 2020: OU intends to resume in-person classes this fall at its campuses in Norman, Tulsa, and Oklahoma City. The University has spent the past several weeks actively planning for our return. Components of the plan include: sections with 40 students or fewer can be held in person as usual; we are moving sections with enrollments over 40 online; we are adding new, smaller in-person sections to many of our first-year classes to ensure the undergraduate experience remains a highly personal, face-to-face OU learning experience; in an effort to facilitate effective social distancing, the class schedule will be extended throughout the day and spread out to accommodate 30-minute windows between classes, rather than the traditional 10-minute break, to limit the number of people in buildings at one time; we will also utilize larger classrooms, aiming for 50-75% maximum capacity wherever practical for increased social distancing. These modifications, in addition to our Clean and Green initiative, will be cornerstones of our plan to come back together, safely. Instruction for Norman campus-based programs will move entirely online following Thanksgiving break through the end of the fall 2020 semester, with lectures and final exams to be offered online. This will include the week of regular instruction following the holiday, the finals preparation week that follows,
and the week of final exams. This change is also applicable to Norman campus programs that are delivered at OU-Tulsa. University facilities, including housing and library services, as well as research operations, will remain open.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Please visit http://ou.edu/safeandresilient and http://ou.edu/cleanandgreen to learn more about the University of Oklahoma’s plans and initiatives. For information on the University Mandatory Masking Policy, please visit http://www.ou.edu/coronavirus/masking-policy. All individuals in indoor University facilities must wear fabric or disposable surgical-style masks that cover their nose and mouth. Bandanas and scarves are not acceptable. OU’s COVID-19 dashboard can be found at: https://www.ou.edu/together/dashboard. OU has also launched a COVID-19 testing program for residential students, along with regular sampling of wastewater from across campus, including residence halls, to study virus levels – two strategies that will provide an early warning system for positive cases in the most densely populated areas. Starting September 4, students living in OU housing who are not reporting symptoms of COVID-19 are encouraged to participate in the voluntary testing program.

Spring 2020: For the spring 2021 semester, the OU Norman campus, including Norman campus programs in Tulsa, will extend winter break by one week, with classes now beginning Monday, January 25, 2021. In doing so, OU will not offer a traditional spring break in 2021. These changes allow OU to stay on track to end the spring semester as planned on May 14.

Community Support: OU Medicine and its academic partner, the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC), along with the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, have launched a multifaceted strategy to begin testing samples on campus as soon as possible. Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation (OMRF) scientists are teaming with the OU HSC in an emergency effort to process COVID-19 tests. OU Medicine is preparing mobile emergency rooms, located near the Emergency Room entrance of OU Medical Center, 700 NE 13th St., to help medically screen urgent and emergent patients for COVID-19. OUHSC has launched a research collaborating with Pure MHC, a biotechnology company, to work toward the development of a vaccine for the COVID-19 virus. OU Medicine announced Thursday, April 9, that it is partnering with the Mayo Clinic to carry out a new clinical trial to assist with treatment of the sickest COVID-19 patients. The trial, which OU joined this week, takes plasma from individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 and gives it to those who are still extremely ill with the virus. More than 40 individuals from across the University of Oklahoma’s three campuses have combined their expertise to develop, prototype, validate and offer recommended essential equipment designs.

CARES Act: In response to COVID-19, the President signed into law the CARES Act to help students and families affected by the pandemic. During this time to avoid possible scams, OU urges all students and families to contact the Student Financial Center directly to discuss their account information.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: If you have been in close contact with an individual diagnosed with COVID-19, call or email your campus health clinic: Norman – Goddard Health Services Nurse Line – 405-325-8732; OUHSC – 405-271-2577 or employee-health@ouhsc.edu; OU-Tulsa – 918-660-3102 or TulsaStudentHealth@ouhsc.edu. If you begin experiencing symptoms that could be consistent with COVID-19, please remain home and contact your campus health clinic for further guidance regarding restrictions to return to campus. Please contact your primary care provider with any personal medical questions and for guidance concerning your specific symptoms.

Regional Tier

Cameron University (as of October 20)

Employees: Faculty offices will reopen on May 28, 2020, for those involved with summer instruction. Availability and access to individual buildings or portions of buildings on campus can be found on https://www.cameron.edu/covid-19/whats-open-whats-not. Staggered work schedules will end and employees will return to assigned workplace locations for their regularly scheduled hours of work on June 1, 2020. Individual employee circumstances could vary...
according to personal health risk factors and dependent care responsibilities. Employees are strongly encouraged to observe social distancing at all times. Meetings of five or more should be conducted by virtual means if possible. Employees are strongly encouraged to utilize screens or to wear masks when in campus locations where engagement with students, prospective students, or visitors is likely. Some departments may continue to have staggered work schedules for employees in order to comply with COVID-19 health and safety guidelines. CU employees with specific questions about personal health risk factors and dependent care responsibilities should direct them to the Office of Human Resources. Any campus guests will be requested to meet these Campus Health Expectations: Practice good hygiene, monitor your personal health daily, stay home if you are sick, respect personal space, and cover your nose and mouth by wearing masks when social distancing is not possible of guaranteed. Properly worn asks, face coverings or face shields will be required of everyone within all Cameron University facilities and on all university properties when and where social distancing of six or more feet is not assured. Face coverings will be provided to employees and will be made available to students as soon as received from the manufacturer to supplement existing supplies. Please visit https://www.cameron.edu/covid-19/whats-open-whats-not for a list of what locations on campus are open for employees, students, and visitor access.

Students: For a list of buildings open to students, please visit: https://www.cameron.edu/covid-19/whats-open-whats-not. For students employed on campus as student workers or assistants, additional information will be provided by email. The Lone Star Conference suspended all spring sports competition for the remainder of the spring 2020 season. All Cameron University classes, events, and activities are expected to support social distancing of at least six feet between individual participants unless appropriate screens, masks, or other personal protective equipment are utilized. Specific guidance for room occupancy and the conduct of instruction in classrooms and laboratories for the summer term is available through the Office of Academic Affairs. Room and facility reservations for Cameron University prospective students and activities will resume on July 6, 2020. Reservations for other CU non-instructional events, as well as events and activities inside buildings by external groups may be submitted to the Office of Events Management for dates after the conclusion of the summer instructional term that ends on July 23, 2020. Specific questions may be directed to Carey Monroe, Director of Events Management at cmonroe@cameron.edu. Because of the potential need to use certain areas for classroom instruction, the following areas will not be available for rental/reservation for the foreseeable future: The CETES Conference Center, McMahan Centennial Complex rooms 211 and 212. Cameron University will not host face-to-face residential or day campus during July. At a later date, some events may be rescheduled. Any campus guests will be requested to meet these Campus Health Expectations: Practice good hygiene, monitor your personal health daily, stay home if you are sick, respect personal space, and cover your nose and mouth by wearing masks when social distancing is not possible of guaranteed. Properly worn asks, face coverings or face shields will be required of everyone within all Cameron University facilities and on all university properties when and where social distancing of six or more feet is not assured. Face coverings will be provided to employees and will be made available to students as soon as received from the manufacturer to supplement existing supplies.

Housing: Those who live on campus are encouraged to remain at home for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester but will be allowed to return to their Cameron Village apartments or Shepler dormitory rooms. Modified food service will be available to resident students with meal plans. Effective March 23 until further notice, Cameron Village apartment blocks and residential floors in the Shepler Towers are restricted to occupants and support staff only. Student Housing and Residential Life staff have established an express check out process that minimizes human contact and maintains social distancing. Building and room access is expected to be coordinated with on-call housing staff to assure security of personal property and to assure social distancing. Once a CU housing student leaves the dormitories or apartments, they may not return to housing without express written consent by the Vice President of Enrollment Management and Student Success.

Commencement: Cameron University announced that it plans to hold an outdoor ceremony in October to award degrees to the Class of 2020. The rescheduled event – complete with the traditional fireworks display, will start at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, in Cameron Stadium.

Travel: Out of State Travel – All university-sponsored travel, out-of-state or international, is suspended until further notice unless such travel is mission critical to the university or is a public safety obligation. In-State Travel – All
university-sponsored in-state travel requests will be reviewed using the same process as normally used for out-of-state travel requests. Please allow additional time for processing of requests. Where applicable, meeting by telephone or other virtually enhanced environment is strongly encouraged. Personal Travel – The University advises all individuals to exercise caution during personal travel of any kind and to stay informed by regularly checking the CDC website. Please be aware that countries, states, or counties may impose restrictions that limit your movement at any time and with little notice.

Summer 2020 Courses: The summer term at Cameron University will look much like the conclusion of the Spring 2020 semester. The majority of courses will be offered in a virtual format so that the university can practice social distancing and minimize the further spread of COVID-19. An up-to-date schedule of courses, including locations and course formats, may be found at: https://www.cameron.edu/info/schedules. Students should check this site regularly for course enrollment updates. Cameron University will not host face-to-face residential or day camps during the months of May, June, or July.

Fall 2020: The Fall 2020 semester should more closely resemble the past with opportunities for face-to-face instruction or technology-mediated instruction (ITV, online, and hybrid) but there will be significant changes on campus to assure a safe and healthy learning environment in CU classrooms, laboratories, visual and performing arts spaces, residential facilities, and athletics and recreational areas. The university will also be prepared to rapidly return to virtual learning environments if circumstances warrant. Student learning is Cameron’s top priority but that cannot be accomplished well if students and employees are not safe and healthy, too. Students may anticipate that the university will increase the frequency and the types of cleaning in all campus locations. Students should expect classes to be scheduled in larger rooms to respect social distancing. Access to communal spaces, restrooms, stairwells and elevators will be modified. For campus residents, there will be modifications to policy and practice, including additional restrictions to visitor access.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Please visit https://www.cameron.edu/covid-19/summer-and-fall-2020-classes to learn more about Cameron University’s plans. Properly worn masks, face coverings or face shields will be required of everyone within all Cameron University facilities and on all university properties when and where social distancing of six or more feet is not assured. For more information on CU’s mandated mask policy, please visit https://www.cameron.edu/covid-19/masks-mandated-on-the-cu-campus.

Community Support: Cameron University Biological Sciences Program donated yellow isolation gowns to Public Safety and the CU Radiologic Technology Program and CU Respiratory Care Program donated all PPE in their inventory to Comanche County Memorial Hospital through Great Plains Technology Center.

CARES Act: Cameron University has been designated to receive funding from the U.S. Department of Education to provide emergency assistance to students due to the COVID-19 pandemic. These funds are available to be disbursed as grants to eligible students who meet certain criteria. The grants, which do not have to be repaid, are intended to provide funds for students to cover unforeseen expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to COVID-19, included (but not limited to) food, housing, healthcare, and course-related materials or services, such as technology. For CU students to be eligible, they must meet the following criteria: be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen, and have a valid Social Security number; be registered with Selective Service, if required; been enrolled in at least one Cameron University course on March 13, 2020. Concurrently enrolled high school students, CU employee tuition waiver program participants, and students with a declared major in a 100-percent online program and only enrolled in online classes are not eligible to receive grants under this program. Grant amounts for students meeting this criteria are $650 for full-time status and $325 for part-time status based upon enrolled hours on March 13, 2020. To receive grants, students must submit an application certifying they meet all eligibility requirements. The application may be found by logging into AggieAccess and clicking on “CU CARES Application” under the “My Info” tab. Beginning May 14, 2020, grants will be disbursed via the university’s partner, BankMobile, on a weekly basis to eligible students who have completed their application. Students who have not already done so should select a disbursement preference by logging into their BankMobile accounts at refundselection.com. Cameron Students who
have questions about the application or need assistance accessing their BankMobile accounts should contact the One Stop at (580) 581.2393 or (580) 581.2219.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: The Cameron University telephone hotline or email (580) 581-2676 or coronavirus_hotline@cameron.edu, which will be staffed Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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East Central University (as of October 20)

Employees: Employees and/or supervisors will notify ECU Health Services by phone at 580-559-5713 immediately upon learning of a positive test. Employees are required to follow the guidance of ECU Health Services, the Pontotoc County Health Department and/or their personal physicians before returning to campus. Employees should consult the Telework Due to COVID-19 page at https://www.ecok.edu/telework-due-covid-19 if they have telework needs. ECU will provide each employee with a reusable cloth mask at the beginning of the fall 2020 semester. Employees who are unable to wear face coverings should contact the Employment Services Office at (580) 559-5217. 

Students: ECU will provide each student with a reusable cloth mask at the beginning of the fall 2020 semester. Students unable to wear face coverings should contact the Student Development Office at (580) 559-5208 or by email to cbuchanan@ecok.edu. The Linscheid Library is open to the public beginning June 15th with furniture arranged to facilitate social distancing and all library users and staff are encouraged to wear masks and use proper hand hygiene.

Housing and Dining: ECU Housing and Residence Life plans to open in the fall with normal occupancy, which includes housing with roommates. Please visit https://www.ecok.edu/covid-19-and-public-health-informed-policies-housing-and-residence-life-7232020 to learn more about ECU’s policies for Housing and Residence Life for the Fall 2020 semester. Taff Cafeteria will be open for the fall 2020 semester, serving a full menu with limited seating. Masks are required to enter the dining hall and can be removed once the diner sits down. Meals-to-go will be available for students who choose not to eat in the dining hall and a mask must be worn while picking up food. All food will be served by employees, including traditionally self-serve foods. Beverage machines will be shut down and all drinks will be in cans or bottles. Social distancing inside the cafeteria will be enforced at all times. All food items will be served in disposable ware. Meals will be available for any person in quarantine. Students who test positive for COVID-19 will be restricted from the ECU campus and will remain in home/campus isolation if they do not need to be hospitalized. Dedicated rooms for isolation have been reserved, should a student require quarantine upon a positive COVID-19 diagnosis.

Commencement: ECU is waiving the graduation fee for May 2020 graduates. The fee for a certificate-only candidate is $25, a bachelor’s degree is $50, and a master’s degree is $75. Students who are scheduled to graduate in May who have already paid the fee will receive a refund. Students may still receive their regalia through the ECU Bookstore (www.ecubookstore.com). You will order your cap and gown, go through the checkout process, but not supply any payment information. The ECU Bookstore will mail your regalia to the address you provide. ECU has reviewed the survey results for commencement options for their spring graduates. The top category was to attend a ceremony in December. ECU will be holding a special ceremony just for spring 2020 ECU graduates on December 12. More information will be forthcoming.

Travel: All out-of-state travel is suspended immediately. An employee may request an exception from the appropriate vice president should the travel be mission critical. Those living in University housing who traveled outside Oklahoma for Spring Break may not return to campus for 14 days from the date arrived home. This included returning to campus to pick up personal items and checking out of the residence halls. If students living in the residence halls traveled outside of Oklahoma and have already returned to campus, they are asked to please notify the Housing Office immediately and are asked to self-quarantine and food drop arrangements will be made.
Summer 2020 Courses: A May intersession and summer 2020 classes will be online. ECU continues to monitor the effects of the virus and will determine at a later date if they can add in-person classes to the second 4-week session of the summer schedule. ECU will update students as the summer session draws nearer.

Fall 2020: For the fall 2020 semester, beginning August 17, ECU will have a mixture of face-to-face, blended (online/virtual and in-person mix of instruction) as well as online/virtual instruction. ECU will maintain a fall academic calendar consistent with past years which includes scheduled holidays for Labor Day, Fall Break, and Thanksgiving.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Please visit https://www.ecok.edu/returning-ecu to learn more about East Central University’s plans. The City of Ada currently has a mask mandate in place until at least August 3. If and when that expires, ECU will continue to require masks on campus until further notice. Properly worn cloth masks, face coverings, or face shields will be required when a person is inside a university facility, where there are any number of people gathered, and where social distancing of six feet or more is not assured.

Community Support: The ECU School of Nursing and Health Services Center have donated items to Alliance Health Madill, Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital – Shawnee, and Mercy Hospital – Ada. ECU also began a S.H.A.R.E. (Student Help and Resources in Emergencies) fund to help students who are now faced with unexpected changes such as loss of jobs, food insecurities, as well as other needs. ECU students in the Human Development, Hospitality and Food Services department delivered the first batch of 100 hand-sewn face masks to the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center on Wednesday, April 15. Sideline by the coronavirus, ECU students are making the masks at home. They are currently working on the next batch for Mercy Hospital, and some students who live outside of the Ada area are making masks for their own local hospitals. ECU Students in the Human Development, Hospitality, and Food Services department created a batch of 100 hand-sewn face masks that were presented to Mercy Hospital in Ada on May 4.

CARES Act: ECU has applied for funding through the CARES Act and will disburse it to students as soon as it is received. Students will be asked to attest they have a need for the funds. Students who were taking on-ground courses as of March 13 and students who completed the FAFSA or are eligible to complete the FAFSA may receive the funding. Eligible students will receive an email from evals@ecok.edu to certify their eligibility and need. The awards will be based on the spring semester credit hours and be for students currently enrolled. The funds will be issued to the Bank Mobile card the University uses for refunds. The funds are considered a grant and do not need to be paid back to the University.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: ECU Student Health Services (580) 559-5713; Pontotoc County Health Department (580) 332-2011

Langston University (as of October 20)

Employees: Langston employees have begun a phased re-entry for our employees to transition back onto campuses from extended telework. We are closely monitoring the progress of this phased re-entry and will make adjustments as necessary. Faculty and staff that applied to remain on campus, and are authorized by the ELT to remain, expressly agree to the following protocols: Daily submission of a simple health check-in form, weekly tele-health appointment with Langston University Health Clinic Staff, Immediate notice of changes to health, potential self-quarantine, and potential transfer of housing location if a resident of the Langston University campus. Accommodations and protections will be available throughout the ongoing pandemic for all faculty and staff, including and especially for employees with at-risk categories and conditions. Accommodations might include extended telework, relocation of a workstation, rotating shifts, and/or staggered hours. Masks and face coverings are required to be worn while present on all Langston University campuses when physical or social distancing is not feasible. Langston University campuses are open to the public, but by appointment only.
Students: All members of the LU community are encouraged to employ appropriate social-distancing and practice enhanced hygiene. Additional guidance will be provided by the respective academic schools. Langston University will reevaluate these guidelines on an ongoing basis and share any updates or modifications. In an effort to maximize social-distancing, all institutional events are canceled or postponed effective immediately and until further notice. Students that applied to remain on campus, and are authorized by the ELT to remain, expressly agree to the following protocols: Daily submission of a simple health check-in form, weekly tele-health appointment with Langston University Health Clinic Staff, Immediate notice of changes to health, potential self-quarantine, and potential transfer of housing location if a resident of the Langston University campus. Langston University will not participate in collegiate athletics during the Fall 2020 season and have decided to cancel all in-person homecoming activities.

Housing and Dining: We will employ social-distancing measures in our residence facilities and special precautions will be taken in Young Hal, where all rooms will shift to single-occupancy. Our facilities staff have worked to implement enhanced cleaning measures over the summer, including advanced air purification within housing units. In addition to these measures, we encourage all returning residents to be prepared to follow special move-in protocols and procedures for safety. Additional information will be shared by Residential Life and Housing Services as the dates for move-in approach. Sodexo Dining will provide grab-and-go options for all meals provided to students with a meal plan and paying customers. Operations to dining will be modified to maximize physical distancing and support safety precautions related to handling of food. Buffet and self-serve stations will be reduced or temporarily eliminated.

Commencement: Langston University’s Commencement Committee identified Saturday, November 21, as the date for the postponed ceremony celebrating the Class of 2020. We intend to hold a ceremony; however, must be realistic about the pandemic. The Commencement Committee, which includes representatives from the Class of 2020, will reconvene and explore contingencies for a virtual experience in the event that holding an in-person ceremony is unsafe. We will make a decision and communicate the final details in October.

Travel: As of July 23, Langston University has placed a temporary freeze on all domestic and international travel for University business or academic purposes, including but not limited to study abroad, internships, to perform academic work for credit, service, conference or presentations, teaching or training, performances, recruiting, or athletic competitions. Travel required for research and grant activity will be reviewed and approved on a case-by-case basis. Travel of any kind will be prohibited to “hot spots”, that is, locations with extremely high case counts of COVID-19.

Summer 2020 Courses: Langston will be offering summer courses online.

Fall 2020: The University will offer hybrid course delivery for all courses, where possible, for the Fall 2020 semester. The hybrid course design allows for our faculty to move the majority of their coursework online and offer a more flexible model for our students. We welcome students to our campuses for in-person instruction, which will be facilitated with adherence to social-distancing and enhanced cleaning protocols. On-campus instruction for the traditional Fall 2020 semester will commence on Monday, August 17. In-person instruction will end on Friday, November 20, prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. All students residing in residential housing must depart campus by Noon on Saturday, November 21. The remaining two weeks of the semester, including final exams, will be delivered remotely through virtual instruction. For the first week of class, all hybrid and flex courses will be held remotely.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Please visit https://www.langston.edu/healthclinic/covid19/06172020 to view Langston’s recently released Plan for a Healthy and Safe Return. Masks and face coverings are required to be worn while present on all Langston University campuses when physical or social distancing is not feasible.

Community Support: The Langston University Emergency Leadership Team has met daily to work on operational contingency plans for COVID-19 since the first confirmed case within the U.S. was reported on January 21, 2020. The campus community has consistently received updates via e-mail, on the COVID-19 landing page, and community telecommunication briefings from the Office of the President. The Langston University Foundation has established an emergency fund to award mini-grants to students in need of funding.
CARES Act: No updates at this time.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: Langston University Health Services Clinic, located on the 1st floor of University Women (office hours are Monday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.); Logan County Health Department in Guthrie (405) 282-3485; Mary Mahoney Memorial Health Center in Langston (405) 466-2535.

Northeastern State University (as of October 20)

Employees: By now, our workspaces should be set up for social distancing. As we open the doors on our three campuses on Friday, June 5, please consult the guidelines on operations over the summer, found at https://offices.nsuok.edu/studentaffairs/Coronavirus. NSU released a statement stating that if and when an employee has a confirmed positive test for COVID-19, NSU only notifies those who have had direct contact with the individual while on any of their three campuses. Effective Monday, August 3, 2020, NSU will require faculty, staff, students, contractors, volunteers and visitors across all NSU locations to wear a mask or approved face covering that covers your nose and mouth. Masks or approved face coverings must be worn when in enclosed public and common areas on campus and outdoors when physical distancing is not easily maintained unless an exception is met. All employees must have a signed COVID Acknowledgements on file in Human Resources.

Students: NSU will open its doors to its three campuses on Friday, June 5. The RiverHawks Wellness Center (The FIT) will open (6 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday). The pool will open on a limited basis on the availability of certified lifeguards. River’s Edge will be open in the UC from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on weekends. The UC will open to the general public. The RiverHawk Shoppe bookstore, on both the Tahlequah and Broken Arrow campuses, will open to the public Friday, June 5 with reduced store hours until further notice. NSU Libraries will be open to patrons and operating according to CDC and the American Library Association guidelines. Organized sports and training activities for athletes will resume and shall follow all applicable guidelines from the NCAA and MIAA. Visitor parking spaces should be used only by visitors. Prior to the beginning of the fall semester, all students and employees will receive an NSU branded reusable mask. You will be able to take the mask home and wash them as necessary. NSU released a statement stating that if and when a student has a confirmed positive test for COVID-19, NSU only notifies those who have had direct contact with the individual while on any of their three campuses. Effective Monday, August 3, 2020, NSU will require faculty, staff, students, contractors, volunteers and visitors across all NSU locations to wear a mask or approved face covering that covers your nose and mouth. Masks or approved face coverings must be worn when in enclosed public and common areas on campus and outdoors when physical distancing is not easily maintained unless an exception is met. Any on-campus event must follow the event planning process which includes completed the NSU Campus Events Safety Plan.

Housing and Dining: Move in procedures and policies must be followed during the move in process. Failure to follow all procedures, policies and move in instructions will result in a delay in moving in at your scheduled date/time. To view the move in procedures, please visit https://offices.nsuok.edu/housing.

Commencement: A commencement ceremony will take place virtually on May 9 at 10 a.m. Students will also have an opportunity to participate in a December commencement ceremony. Students graduating this Spring will receive further information.

Travel: The moratorium on out-of-state travel for all employees remains in place until further notice is given. According to Executive Order 2020-07 as extended by Executive Order 2020-20, any exception to the travel ban must be approved by the governor. Once the out-of-state travel ban is lifted by the governor, any travel requests approved may be revoked at any time by the direct supervisor when the travel is to and from a high-risk state, based upon the published risk within that specific state. Additionally, after the out-of-state ban is lifted all employees when traveling
out of state will comply with all required quarantine/isolation rules in that state and requirements within the state of Oklahoma.

Summer 2020 Courses: All courses will remain online for the summer semester with a possible exception for the NSU Oklahoma College of Optometry (OCO). We will work in consortium with the Cherokee Nation to determine when patient contact can resume. The final decision for OCO will be made on or before June 1.

Fall 2020: **It is our intention to be fully operational in the fall semester.** We plan to be on campus for the entire 16-weeks to include finals week. However, in preparation for multiple scenarios, including the potential for a surge of COVID-19 cases in Oklahoma, we plan to move the two days in October scheduled for Fall Break to the week of Thanksgiving.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Please visit https://offices.nsuok.edu/studentaffairs/Coronavirus for information on NSU’s efforts. To view the NSU Course Delivery and Safety Procedures; Employee Protocol & Process for Managing Positive COVID-19 Cases; RiverHawk Response: Student Guide to COVID-19; and Guidelines for On-Campus Events please visit www.nsuok.edu/coronavirus and click their respective links at the top of the page. **Effective Monday, August 3, 2020, NSU will require faculty, staff, students, contractors, volunteers and visitors across all NSU locations to wear a mask or approved face covering that covers your nose and mouth. Masks or approved face coverings must be worn when in enclosed public and common areas on campus and outdoors when physical distancing is not easily maintained unless an exception is met.** NSU has launched a COVID Dashboard, that is updated weekly. It can be found at: https://offices.nsuok.edu/studentaffairs/COVID-Dashboard

Community Support: No updates at this time.

CARES Act: We are now prepared to distribute $2.8 million in CARES Act assistance to eligible students. These funds are to be used for COVID-19 related expenses. Please visit https://www.nasfaa.org/covid19_heerf for more information regarding eligibility.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: If you have symptoms, have had contact or have potentially been exposed to the Coronavirus, or have other questions or concerns, please contact the Oklahoma State Department of Health Coronavirus call center (877) 215-8336 Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.

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**Northwestern Oklahoma State University (as of October 20)**

Employees: Face coverings will be required in all classroom settings, as well as in campus buildings. The only exception will be that face coverings may be removed in work offices when social distancing can be accomplished. To view policies and procedures regarding employees who have tested positive, please consult the Rangers Return Campus Reopening Plan at https://www.nwosu.edu/coronavirus/reopening. Employees with questions regarding guidance on leave policies, health benefit questions and insurance questions, please contact Cheryl Ellis, Human Resources Director, at 580-327-8530.

Students: Face coverings will be required in all classroom settings, as well as in campus buildings. Regular hours will be observed for the J.W. Martin Library, Academic Success Center, and Academic Labs. The Museum of Natural History will allow no more than eight guests in the museum at one time. Small groups and class field trips will be by appointment only. A number of tables and chairs have been removed to allow for social distancing in common areas in the Student Center. Limits will be placed on the number of guests allowed in all meeting rooms in the Student Center. The bookstore will offer dorm delivery when students order online and choose in store pick up. The J.R. Holder Wellness Center will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday, with limits to the number of people in the facilities. Campus events will be reevaluated depending on possible new guidance from the CDC, WHO and state officials. Some events
may be subject to a limited audience. All event attendees will be encouraged to adhere to university policy where recommended face covering and social distancing can take place. NWOSU’s homecoming events are postponed. The homecoming events originally scheduled for October 8-10 are tentatively being planned for spring 2021. The Great American Conference’s Council of Presidents announced Friday, August 14, the league will suspend all fall and winter sports – basketball, cross country, football, soccer, and volleyball – and the two-semester sports of golf and tennis through December 31.

Housing and Dining: Face coverings must be worn in all public areas inside the facility. There will be no more than two people in a residence hall room at one time. No off-campus guests and/or visitation is permitted. This applies to friends and family members after move-in day. Resident visitation is only permitted in allowed common areas. Exterior doors are to be closed and locked at all times, except when used to enter and exit the building. Do not prop open exterior doors. For students who are sick or exhibit symptoms, the University’s strong recommendation will be for the student to quarantine at home for a minimum of 14 days or until they can provide a negative test result for a COVID-19 test. If the student is unable to go home, arrangements will be made by the university to provide a place to stay while continuing to take classes via alternative delivery methods. Costs for off-campus stay may be incurred by the student. Arrangements for delivered meals will be provided by the housing staff via Chartwells Dining. Chartwells has implemented a number of new policies and procedures to serve students and guests in the Coronado Cafeteria. Total guests in the cafeteria at one time will be limited. Employees will serve all food to guests with no buffet style options. Self-serve machines and containers have been removed.

Commencement: The fall 2020 commencement ceremony will take place on December 6, 2020 at 4:00 p.m. The rescheduled spring 2020 commencement ceremony will take place in a separate ceremony on December 6, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. This plan will be continually evaluated as the fall semester proceeds.

Travel: All international travel has been suspended. Professional development opportunities should be handled by Zoom and by distance learning, if possible. Out-of-state travel or in-state travel for conferences or professional development must be approved by your supervisor. Final approval is by Vice President for Administration or Executive Vice President. Traveling to another campus to teach is discouraged. Request for exceptions will be made through your supervisor and dean of faculty. Staff travel must be approved/disapproved by supervisor and appropriate senior staff members. The NWOSU Study Abroad program is suspended until further notice.

Summer 2020 Courses: Please visit www.nwosu.edu/coronavirus for an announcement regarding courses and their teaching format for Summer 2020.

Fall 2020: Northwestern Oklahoma State University officials have announced the university’s intent to resume face-to-face instruction and ITV courses for the fall 2020 semester. Northwestern will continue to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Governor Kevin Stitt’s guidelines according to the Open Up and Recover Safely Plan. Northwestern’s campus leadership is currently formulating a variety of plans to ensure the safety and health of Northwestern students, staff, faculty and communities during the fall semester. Due to the unknowns related to COVID-19, this situation could change quickly. Northwestern will exchange the two-day fall break for an additional two days during Thanksgiving break for the fall 2020 semester. On October 15 and 16, students and employees will remain on campus for classes and work. Thanksgiving break will take place from Nov. 23-27. We are expecting to limit the number of times students leave for home and return to campus. This will limit our students’ exposure to COVID-19 and chances of bringing it on campus. This plan will leave the greatest flexibility for response as we continue to monitor developments of COVID-19 closer to Thanksgiving break.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Starting July 27, NWOSU is requiring the wearing of face coverings on campus. The developed policy states that face coverings will be required in all classroom settings, as well as campus buildings. The only exception will be that face coverings may be removed in work offices when social distancing can be accomplished. To learn more about NWOSU’s Campus Reopening Plan, Rangers Return, please visit https://www.nwosu.edu/coronavirus/reopening.
Community Support: NWOSU’s Charles Morton Share Trust Division of Nursing donated personal protective equipment to Integris Bass Baptist Hospital to aid in the nationwide shortage. With Northwestern’s nursing program using alternative instructional delivery methods for the remainder of the semester, an abundance of these items were no longer needed to complete coursework. More than 700 items were donated and included particulate respirator masks, surgical masks with face shields, surgical masks with ties, ear loop face masks, yellow isolation gowns, isolation packs, and training equipment.

CARES Act: No updates at this time.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: Student Services at (580) 327-8414 or studentservices@nwosu.edu. Health care facilities are available in Alva, Enid, Woodward, and Ponca City – select the link (https://www.nwosu.edu/student-services) and find health facility contact information under Student Health.

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**Oklahoma Panhandle State University (as of October 20)**

Employees: Following Governor Stitt and the Department of Commerce’s “Open Up and Recover Safely” three-phased approach, as well as the April 30, 2020 OMES guidance, OPSU will begin the process of reopening campus and allowing some employees/departments to return to work safely. The plan is designed to comply with guidance from the CDC, Oklahoma State Department of Health, and local, state, and federal authorities. Phase 1 of the reopening process may begin June 8. Those employees who can and feel safe to return to work can do so. Phase 1 employees who will be returning to work will be contacted by their supervisor to best develop a plan for their particular work assignments. Remote work/telecommuting will continue for certain employees during Phase 1. If you do not feel safe returning to work at this time or have extenuating obligations or circumstances, please contact your supervisor to make alternative work arrangements. All faculty, staff, students, and visitors must wear an appropriate face covering while inside campus facilities and buildings.

Students: All faculty, staff, students, and visitors must wear an appropriate face covering while inside campus facilities and buildings. OPSU has partnered with Akademos to better serve students with a new online bookstore for all textbooks and course materials. Selecting and ordering books will be entirely done through the Online Bookstore system, and students will have their course materials shipped to them on an individual basis.

Housing and Dining: Students will be instructed what day(s) they can check-in via email or letter from the housing office prior to arrival.

Commencement: OPSU will hold a commencement ceremony for its 2020 graduates on December 12, 2020.

Travel: All out-of-state and international travel for University-related business or academic purposes was suspended effective March 13. It will remain suspended until further notice unless approved by your supervisor. While there are no current restrictions on in-state University-related travel, all in-state University travel will be monitored and must be approved by your supervisor.

Summer 2020 Courses: Please visit www.opsu.edu/Offices/Admissions/Enrollment for information on summer enrollment. The second summer session will commence on June 22 as scheduled, with courses offered online and in hybrid format. Hybrid modes of instruction will begin when campus is open and it is safe to do so. Students should check their Aggie Scholars site for details about their summer courses.

Fall 2020: As our university community turns our attention to the fall semester, Deans and Department Chairs have laid the foundation for welcoming students back to campus with comprehensive planning for the fall semester. In addition to a return to traditional courses delivered in person, OPSU has confirmed that we have the
capacity and expertise to create excellent online educational opportunities. A comprehensive plan for the fall semester to resume on campus is in its final stages.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Response: Please visit https://opsu.edu/coronavirus/reopening/ to learn more about Oklahoma Panhandle State University’s Open Up Plan. **All faculty, staff, students, and visitors must wear an appropriate face covering while inside campus facilities and buildings.**

Community Support: OPSU has donated all of its PPE supplies to the local hospital, EMS, and clinics.

CARES Act: With federal funding now available by the CARES Act, OPSU is able to provide some financial assistance to our students who have been economically impacted by this global pandemic. Panhandle State CARES Student Aid Grant eligibility is determined by the U.S. Department of Education. Students must be eligible to receive Title IV funding as set forth by the Higher Education Act, as amended, in order to be considered for this grant in accordance with Department of Education requirements. To be eligible for Aggie CARES Grant you must be a degree student registered for at least one “in person” class in the Spring 2020 semester. Students concurrently enrolled are not eligible for the CARES Grant. Students who apply and meet all U.S. Department of Education requirements will be awarded a one-time grant in the following amounts: Full time students - $675, part time students - $375. The Office of Bursar will issue grant awards by direct deposit or paper check. Please complete the short application form at my.opsu.edu to be considered for emergency financial aid. Students will need their student ID number to apply. Please contact OPSU Financial Aid Office at financial.aid@opsu.edu if you need assistance or call (580) 349-1580.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: OPSU is implementing a mandatory screening requirement for all students on or returning to campus. Students must contact the OPSU School Nurse upon arrival back to campus (panhandlehousing@opsu.edu or 580-349-1362). The school nurse is available Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. The Statewide hotline is (877) 215-8336.

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**Rogers State University (as of October 20)**

Employees: Masks are now mandatory on all Rogers State University campuses to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Effective immediately and until further notice, all RSU students, employees, and visitors are required to wear a mask inside University buildings and outdoors on campus when a social distance of at least six feet is not possible. Supervisors may develop staggered work schedules for employees by tie of day, day of the week, or other arrangement as needed. All university employees must follow applicable human resources policies regarding personal, annual, and sick leave. At-risk employees, including this above the age of 65 or those with underlying health conditions, should prioritize their health and safety and discuss arrangements with the Human Resources office. Employees who are sick, running a fever, or experiencing symptoms should notify their supervisor and not report to work. Employees will need clearance to return to work after an illness. Employees who experience illness after returning to work should notify their supervisor and the Health Center immediately via email or by calling (918) 373-5854. Employees who develop a fever, any symptoms of COVID-19, or a positive exposure should be tested for COVID-19. Employees should report positive exposure to COVID-19 immediately to your supervisor and Student Health via email or by calling (918) 373-5854. An exposure to a positive case requires 14 days of quarantine and clearance to return to campus. Employees should practice physical distancing while at work. Employees are encouraged to wear a mask when engaging with coworkers. Employees are encouraged to maintain a good handwashing practice and keep their workspaces clean and disinfected.

Students: Masks are now mandatory on all Rogers State University campuses to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Effective immediately and until further notice, all RSU students, employees, and visitors are required to wear a mask inside University buildings and outdoors on campus when a social distance of at least six feet is not possible. Student services and university dining will be open and available in the Dr. Carolyn Taylor Center. Large events and
gatherings in the conference rooms and ball rooms will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis to adhere to social distancing guidelines.

Housing and Dining: The student housing plan includes reducing or rearranging shared spaces, increased frequency of cleaning, acquisition of specialized disinfecting equipment and dedicated rooms reserved for student quarantine, if necessary. Accommodations for vulnerable populations will be provided. The Office of Residential Life has developed new move-in procedures. Students living on campus will receive ongoing updates through their student email account. University Dining Services has reduced the capacity for seating to allow for social distancing within RSU dining facilities.

Commencement: All traditional May commencement celebrations for 2020 are postponed. The 108th Rogers State University commencement will take place on Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. CST and will be held online via StageClip. All graduates of the 2020 class, along with their families and friends, will participate in a virtual ceremony online. Graduating students will be informed of how to prepare and participate through regular updates in their RSU email account.

Travel: All university-sponsored travel, out-of-state or international, is suspended until further notice. Individuals returning from domestic or international travel may not return to campus or attend off-campus university-sponsored activities or events until they complete a screening and possible self-quarantine period. Domestic travel includes any travel outside the state of Oklahoma. Those returning from domestic or international travel, please notify your supervisor and complete the online screening form. You must wait for approval before returning to campus or attending off-campus university-sponsored activities or events. If your screening is still in process, you may not return to campus until your screening has been approved.

Summer 2020 Courses: RSU will be offering courses online in the summer but notes that they refer to this as remote delivery as they already had truly online courses scheduled. RSU has made the decision to waive online fees for all online summer classes, including summer intersession classes. Students can now enroll for summer classes at rsu.edu/summer.

Fall 2020: Enrollment is open for the Fall 2020 semester, which starts August 17, 2020. The normal selection of courses is expected to be offered in their traditional modes. The schedule is subject to modification. Current students can schedule a virtual appointment with their advisor at rsu.edu/advising. Prospective students can apply for admission at rsu.edu/admissions. RSU intends to return to in-person educational operations on all three campuses, including traditional instruction and residential life this fall. RSU will move to remote instruction following Thanksgiving break and students will complete their last two weeks of instruction and final exams remotely.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Please visit https://www.rsu.edu/resources/coronavirus/ to learn more about RSU’s #HealthyHillcats operational procedures. Employees and visitors are to wear masks inside all university buildings and outdoors on campus when a minimum social distance of six feet cannot be maintained. All members of the RSU community can now report symptoms and positive cases of COVID-19 on MyRSU. Students, faculty and staff who are sick, running a fever, or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should complete the following steps: Stay home, complete the appropriate form on the COVID-19 Tab on MyRSU, and seek medical attention.

Community Support: RSU has donated all of its PPE supplies locally to Hillcrest Claremore and Utica Park Clinic. RSU has put into place additional support to assist students with hardships as a result of the growing COVID-19 impact. In a response to student need, the RSU Foundation has established the Hillcat Heroes fund. The fund will provide urgent one-time financial assistance for current students who have suffered severe economic, medical or similar hardships. All students are welcome to the university food pantry. To schedule a time to pick up food, please call Residential Life at (918) 857-7956.

CARES Act: No updates at this time.
Contact for Health-Related Questions: Please contact your primary care physician. If you do not have a primary care physician you may call the RSU Student Health center at (918) 343-7614.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (as of October 20)

Employees: Southeastern will adopt the American College Health Association: Considerations for Reopening Institutions of Higher Education in the COVID-19 Era as the guideline for the repopulation of our campus community. Beginning immediately, and through the Fall semester, the university will require that all students, faculty, staff, and visitors wear face coverings when they are in buildings on campus, unless wearing face coverings is contrary to meeting educational or participation objectives as determined by the faculty and staff. One cloth face covering will be provided to each employee and student. While face coverings are not required in outdoor spaces, they are strongly recommended where 6 feet of physical distancing is difficult to maintain. Individuals are not required to wear face coverings in a campus building if they are alone in a private office or space, or if they are in their assigned residence hall room. Those seeking an exception as an accommodation should contact the Human Resources Office. Visitors, vendors, and contractors are under the same requirement for face coverings while on campus and are asked to supply their own face coverings. PPE has been distributed to each department for full-time, part-time and student employees.

Students: Beginning immediately, and through the Fall semester, the university will require that all students, faculty, staff, and visitors wear face coverings when they are in buildings on campus, unless wearing face coverings is contrary to meeting educational or participation objectives as determined by the faculty and staff. One cloth face covering will be provided to each employee and student. While face coverings are not required in outdoor spaces, they are strongly recommended where 6 feet of physical distancing is difficult to maintain. Individuals are not required to wear face coverings in a campus building if they are alone in a private office or space, or if they are in their assigned residence hall room. Students seeking a personal exception to this policy as an accommodation should contact the Disabilities Office. Students without coverings, or those who do not comply with the rules relating to face coverings, will not be able to participate in on-campus classroom activities. Failure to comply with the face coverings requirement may result in the Instructor directing the student to leave the classroom. Any student asked to leave the classroom may be referred to the Office of Student Conduct. The Athletics Department will seek to administer a one-time COVID-19 swab test to returning athletes at the time of pre-participation screening and return to competition due to the unique circumstances of physical proximity in practice and gameplay. Athletics will limit attendance at both indoor and outdoor venues that is a percentage of capacity capable of promoting social distancing, and some sections of seating will be modified or restricted. University sanction/sponsored events must comply with guidelines set forth by the University for events on and off campus. The University reserves the right to cancel any event due to health and safety concerns. Student Organization meetings and events this fall will follow the guidelines of SEOSU with regards to limits on attendees for indoor and outdoor events, social distancing guidelines, and the requirement of masks inside all university buildings.

Housing and Dining: Regarding Fall 2020, Southeastern will end face-to-face instruction on November 23 and shift to online or remote delivery for the last full week of classes, followed by a finals week conducted virtually. Southeastern will provide a pro-rated refund of Room and Board charges to all students who choose to move out of their residence hall by November 20 (last day of face-to-face instruction) for the final two weeks of the semester (November 30-December 11). The residence halls will remain open until the end of the semester, but this will give students an option if they choose to move out early. By November 1, students must state their intention and meet the criteria for remaining in the halls after November 20. Students who need to stay/return to campus would be allowed to remain in the residence halls for the normal length of the semester for any remaining housing needs including for those more voluntary activities like athletics, aviation training, and commencement ceremonies. Residents will be required to abide by any additional safety measures imposed upon their return from break. Housing and Residence Life will assign one resident per room and no more than two students per bathroom in each of the residence halls. Residents will be required to identify at least two locations where they could evacuate in the event that the University requires them to quarantine/isolate or if the University closes the Residence Halls. This will be included as a contract addendum and
does not constitute a termination of the contract. Quarantine rooms are available for instances when a student cannot quarantine/isolate off campus.

Commencement: Southeastern previously announced that the spring semester 2020 graduation ceremonies will not take place as regularly scheduled in order to adhere to health guidelines implemented to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. We are now working with an external vendor to provide each student with personalized graduation recognition that will launch on May 9, 2020. Each student will have a personalized web page with social media tie-ins provided by Southeastern. We are also inviting spring graduates to participate in formal ceremonies by walking across the stage at the Fall Commencement in December 2020.

Travel: On July 10, 2020, Governor Stitt published Executive Order 2020-20. The following reflects this order and the University guidelines. In-state travel is restricted, but allowed, but is still highly discouraged. In-state travel should only occur when there is a clear directive from the Regents or for essential duties that are approved by the Division’s Senior Office and the President. Travel restrictions do not include traveling to locations to work at University-sponsored events. There remains a ban on traveling for recruitment purposes. No University-sponsored international travel is allowed at this time and out of state domestic travel must be approved by the President until such time as the state has lifted the moratorium.

Summer 2020 Courses: As previously announced, summer classes will be offered online. We are continuing to monitor conditions created by COVID-19 and by no later than mid-May, will decide if a limited number of face-to-face and/or blended courses can be safely offered. If so, they will be added to the summer schedule; please regularly check your email and SE Coronavirus updates.

Fall 2020: The safety of our students, staff, faculty, and campus visitors is Southeastern’s utmost concern. **After careful deliberation, it is our intention to allow students to return to campus for face-to-face classes, on-campus functions, research, and other such activities this fall.** This intended return to campus will be predicated on the achievement of conditions established by local, state, and federal entities. Southeastern will end face-to-face instruction on November 23 and then shift to online or remote delivery. This online or remote delivery will include the last full week of classes and be followed by a Finals Week conducted virtually with either online exams or alternative projects/presentations.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Please visit https://www.se.edu/student-wellness/coronavirus-update/ to learn more about Southeastern Oklahoma State University’s Return to Campus Plan. **The University will require that all students, faculty, staff, and visitors wear face coverings when they are in buildings on campus, unless wearing face coverings is contrary to meeting educational or participation objectives as determined by faculty and staff.**

Community Support: No updates at this time.

CARES Act: Students’ eligibility is based on their ability to apply for or have previously applied for Federal Financial aid or Title IV aid. The SE CARES emergency grant amount was calculated based on each student’s number of credit hours enrolled as of March 13, 2020 multiplied by a per credit hour rate – generally between $33.00 and $34.00 per credit hour. Notification of amounts disbursed to students will be available on Campus Connect on the student info tab under the view financial aid option. Your stipend will be processed by Herrin Bank no later than Monday, May 11th, 2020 to your designated bank account with Herring Bank. If you do not have a direct deposit designation set up with Herring Bank, a check will be mailed from Herring Bank to your address on file. Students with questions can email the Business Office at businessoffice@se.edu.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: Student Health at (580) 745-2988 and leave a message for guidance.
Southwestern Oklahoma State University (as of October 20)

Employees: SWOSU will require facial coverings for students, faculty, visitors, and staff in hallways and classrooms for the fall 2020 semester. Individuals are encouraged to telework from remote locations if their jobs permit. In-person meetings are discouraged. Effective March 26, 2020, all buildings at Weatherford and Sayre campuses are closed to the public until further notice. Only SWOSU faculty, staff, students, and approved visitors should enter any university building. On-campus faculty will choose to hold office hours as normal, virtually or in person, and will notify students and advisees of those hours.

Students: Classes will start on Monday, August 17. Campus will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 7. Fall break will be cancelled and classes will meet on October 15 and 16. Classes will meet as usual on November 23 and 24. After Thanksgiving Break, all classes will transition to virtual. There will be three days of virtual Dead Days, November 30-December 2. Virtual finals will start on Thursday, December 3 and end on Wednesday, December 9. SWOSU will require facial coverings for students, faculty, visitors, and staff in hallways and classrooms for the fall 2020 semester. The Alma Mater Merc store space in the Student Union will have masks for purchase, including SWOSU masks. Additionally, department offices in each building will have free disposable masks when possible. Per the decision of the Great American Conference, fall sports have been delayed. The first day of practice will be August 31. No games will be played before September 28th. SWOSU will follow state and federal guidance when limiting attendance or changing the schedule for large events. Many large outdoor events such as the Organizational Fair will have safety measures to ensure social distancing. Indoor event attendance will be limited. Counseling appointments will be held by Zoom only. Clubs, lectures, fraternities, sororities, study sessions, intramurals, and other activities that occur in person will be limited in size and are expected to observe precautions such as physical distancing and face coverings based on guidance from state and local public health authorities, university guidance, and the space used. The library in Weatherford will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, and from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sunday. The library in Sayre will be open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and closed Saturday and Sunday. A SWOSU identification card is required for entry to the Wellness Center and a cloth facial covering is required in all areas of the wellness center. Please see the website for specific Wellness Center hours.

Housing and Dining: Residence Halls will implement measures to increase social distancing, including rearranging furniture in common areas. Students will be expected to wear masks in common areas. Staff will increase frequency of cleaning. Accommodations for vulnerable populations will be provided. Masks are required in the Student Union and should be worn until seated with your food. Restaurants in the Student Union have been rearranged to allow for social distancing and seating is limited. Take-out options are available and the Grab N Go stores has been converted into the temporary Alma Mater Merc until the new location is renovated and ready.

Commencement: Commencement (delayed from May) will be held on November 20-21 with limited guest participation.

Travel: Until further notice, out-of-state student and faculty travel and study abroad will be postponed. Field trips and other experiential learning activities will occur where possible.

Summer 2020 Courses: Southwestern Oklahoma State University summer semester classes in Weatherford and Sayre begin on Monday, June 1. The summer classes will have fully virtual course delivery. Enrollment for eight-week classes continues through June 2. Four-week classes are also offered in June and July with the deadline to enroll for June courses being June 1 and the deadline for second four-week classes being June 29. Shorter seminar courses are also offered. See https://selfservice.swosu.edu/Student/Courses for a complete listing. Students can enroll through the Registrar’s Office on either the Weatherford or Sayre campuses. Online enrollment is also available through the SWOSU website for students that have completed at least 60 hours and the prior semester at SWOSU. Students must already by fully admitted to the University and have no holds on their account. Additional information is available by calling the Weatherford office at (580) 774-3008 or (580) 774-3777 or the Sayre campus at (580) 928-5533. Students can also email enrollment@swosu.edu.
Fall 2020: It is our intent to conduct in-person classes on the Weatherford and Sayre campuses for the upcoming fall semester. We will open the cafeteria, grill and our residential housing. We are currently working on plan to implement social distancing and other safety protocols that meet recommended guidelines. Students, please keep in mind that some classes may have limited enrollment capabilities and will fill up quickly. It is important that you enroll as soon as possible for the fall semester in order to keep pace with your graduation timeline. Classes will begin on Monday, August 17. Campus will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 7. Fall Break will be cancelled and classes will meet on October 15-16. Commencement, delayed from May, will be held on November 20-21 with limited guest participation. Classes will meet as usual on November 23 and 24. After Thanksgiving Break, in order to minimize the spread of the virus from potential holiday travel, all classes will transition to virtual. There will be three days of virtual Dead Days, November 30-December 2. Virtual finals will start on Thursday, December 3 and end on Wednesday, December 9. SWOSU will require facial coverings for students, faculty, visitors, and staff in hallways and classrooms for the fall 2020 semester. Details of specific types of coverings will be forthcoming. SWOSU is adjusting classrooms to maintain at least four feet between students.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Please visit https://bulldog.swosu.edu/coronavirus/reopen-campus.php to learn more about Southwestern Oklahoma State University’s phased reopening. SWOSU will require facial coverings for students, faculty, visitors, and staff in hallways and classrooms for the fall 2020 semester. SWOSU has created a COVID-19 case dashboard, which can be found at: https://bulldog.swosu.edu/coronavirus/active-covid-19-cases-swosu.php

Community Support: SWOSU donated a large number of protective masks to area hospitals for health care workers. “SWOSU has a large number of health-related disciplines so we fortunately have a large supply that we typically use in our lab areas,” University President Randy Beutler said. “The hospitals work with so many of our students, and we felt it was appropriate to help our medical friends in Western Oklahoma.” SWOSU has donated supplies to Great Plains Hospital in Elk City, Weatherford Regional Hospital, and Canadian Valley Hospital in Yukon. The Engineering Technology Department is using 3D printers to create face shields for healthcare workers across the state and assembling ventilators for the Weatherford Regional Hospital.

CARES Act: Students who meet basic eligibility criteria for federal financial aid will receive a cash grant. If a student has filed or is eligible to file a FAFSA, the student will be eligible to receive a payment. We anticipate these cash grants will be disbursed starting the week of May 4. Under the U.S. Department of Education rules for the program, these funds can be awarded to undergraduate, graduate and professional students pursuing degree programs and enrolled at SWOSU. The U.S. Department of Education does not allow these funds to be used for: international students; undocumented students; concurrent students; or students taking classes completely online. The estimated distribution to the student will be $38.34 per credit hour. Therefore, a student taking 15 credit hours may receive around $575. The monies will be issued to students through direct deposit or check, according to the method of distribution that the student has chosen in the Touchnet payment portal system. If students have questions about this, please contact the Bursar’s office at (580) 774-3019 or email bursar@swosu.edu. By May 9, SWOSU had distributed more than $1.6 million to students.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: Employees who test positive for COVID-19 should contact their supervisor and/or Human Resources as soon as possible. Supervisors should communicate with HR directly in the event of a positive COVID-19 test. Departments should maintain the confidentiality of the student or employee. Administration will coordinate with local health officials to determine a course of action.

University of Central Oklahoma (as of October 20)

Employees: Plans for our faculty and staff to gradually return to campus beginning June 1 are being developed within each division and will be finalized in coming weeks. Faculty and staff should stay in contact with their immediate supervisor regarding work schedules and personal plans for returning to campus. Though our physical campus will be
reopening, many services will continue to be offered virtually. Individuals who need to come to campus are asked to wear a protective face mask and observe social distancing guidelines when interacting with others.

Students: The fall semester will begin August 17 with in-person, online, and extended classroom options. UCO requires all students, employees, and visitors to wear a mask when around others, both indoors and outdoors, and practice physical distancing of at least six feet when possible. Students requesting disability accommodations during this time are asked to email dss@uco.edu or call (405) 974-2516. Academic advisement will continue either online or by telephone. Students can schedule appointments by emailing advisement@uco.edu. Virtual meetings and events will be encouraged. For those requesting in-person meetings, work with campus event staff to determine the maximum number of attendees in each space to maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance. Campus staff will arrange the room appropriately for distancing. All participants at any campus event, indoor or outdoor, will be required to wear face coverings. The Max Chambers Library is open with the 1st and 2nd floors available. Masks and social distancing are required while on campus. Spring Break, scheduled for March 15-19, will be eliminated from the spring 2021 semester schedule. Students and faculty will continue classes according to their regular schedule this week and staff will report to work as scheduled. Winter Break will be extended by one week. The extension of Winter Break offers the campus community an exchange for the time off at Spring Break. The spring 2021 semester is still set to end May 7.

Housing and Dining: University housing is operating under normal operating procedures going into the fall semester. Additional availability of single rooms in West Hall and The Quad have been made available for residents who do not want a roommate during this period. For more information regarding new housing procedures and guidelines, please visit https://www.uco.edu/student-resources/housing/coronavirus. Campus Dining Services will coordinate a meal delivery with a member of the Housing staff to your room if you are in isolation. There have been changes to seating arrangements and some menus in dining facilities on campus. For a complete list, please visit https://dineoncampus.com/uco/path-to-open-plan.

Commencement: UCO will recognize our spring and summer graduates with a virtual commencement ceremony May 22. For details about the virtual ceremony, please visit: https://www.uco.edu/admissions-aid/graduation-services/commencement/virtual-commencement

Travel: All travel has been canceled for faculty, staff and students until further notice. Due to the global outbreak of COVID-19, follow CDC travel guidance and utilize the same hygiene tips for dealing with the flu when traveling for personal reasons. All new students, faculty, and staff arriving for the first time in Oklahoma directly from an international destination and anyone who has recently returned from an international trip are required to self-quarantine for 14 days following current CDC guidelines. New and returning students traveling to Oklahoma directly from an international location are recommended to arrive at least two weeks prior to the start of classes on August 17.

Summer 2020 Courses: UCO’s courses will be offered remotely by alternative delivery methods but not necessarily online.

Fall 2020: While planning continues for a safe return to in-person instruction for the fall 2020 semester, we have made decisions on changes for the instructional calendar that are intended to support our overall health and safety efforts. These changes include: eliminating fall break October 15-16 and continuing with class instruction during this period; concluding in-person classroom instruction by November 24, prior to Thanksgiving Break; continuing class activities virtually during Quiet Week, November 30-December 4; and conducting final exams online December 7-11. Plans regarding class sizes and other measures to ensure social distancing and safety for in-person classroom instruction are ongoing and will be announced at a later date. The fall semester is still set to begin August 17. For more information regarding the Fall 2020 Class Instruction Plan, please visit https://www.uco.edu/coronavirus/ for more information.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Please visit https://www.uco.edu/coronavirus/reopening/ to learn more about the University of Central Oklahoma’s reopening plan. Masks and social distancing are required while on campus.
Spring 2020: Winter Break will be extended by one week and Spring 2021 classes will begin Tuesday, January 19. The extension of Winter Break offers the campus community an exchange for the time off at Spring Break. Spring Break, scheduled for March 15-19, will be eliminated from the spring 2021 semester schedule.

Community Support: The UCO Forensic Science Institute responded to an urgent call for supplies with a donation to INTEGRIS Health Edmond. “Since classes are currently suspended at UCO, we had supplies that were urgently needed in Edmond hospitals. The faculty and staff of the Forensic Science Institute wanted to help in this small way by providing masks, gloves, disposable lab coats and Tyvek suits, and also to say ‘thank you’ to our health care workers,” said Dwight Adams, Ph.D., director of UCO’s W. Roger Webb FSI. The UCO Foundation is raising funds to help students experiencing unexpected hardships during the COVID-19 pandemic. Since launching March 25, the UCO COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund crowdfunding campaign has generated more than $32,000 from donors. The UCO Foundation matched funds dollar-for-dollar up to $20,000, and the UCO Student Association matched up to $10,000. The relief fund offers limited emergency financial assistance to current UCO students who are unable to meet immediate, essential expenses because of temporary hardship related to an unexpected situation. The fund is designated to offset short-term financial need and is not intended to replace or supplement financial aid.

CARES Act: No updates at this time.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: If a faculty/staff member or student believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 and/or are exhibiting symptoms, they should not report to campus. First, contact your primary care physician or the Oklahoma Department of Health’s Coronavirus hotline at (877) 215-8336. Next, contact the UCO Department of Public Safety at (405) 974-2345 to self-report.

Public Liberal Arts University Tier

University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (as of October 20)

Employees: Convocation details for faculty and staff will be announced. Please reserve August 13, 2020 for virtual meetings/gatherings. Staff – August 3, 2020. Faculty – Convocation TBD. Report to offices August 14, 2020. University administrative departments will reopen for regular hours of operation on August 3, 2020. Regular house of operation are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Offices are expected to be open to provide services both by appointment and walk-in. Appointments are encouraged. Campus buildings remain closed to the public through the fall semester. For fall 2020, use of space is dedicated to core mission activities – teaching, learning, research, student groups and activities – and restricted to the campus community. Exceptions may be approved by the president. USAO has implemented and will enforce a policy mandating that masks be worn by all employees, students and visitors when they are inside University facilities and vehicles and when they are outdoors on campus and social distancing of at least six feet is not possible. This policy will remain in effect until further notice. Campus buildings remain closed to the public through the fall semester.

Students: New Student Orientation will begin on August 14, 2020 for residential and commuter students who are registered to attend. Classes start on August 17. Campus buildings remain closed to the public through the fall semester. For fall 2020, use of space is dedicated to core mission activities – teaching, learning, research, student groups and activities – and restricted to the campus community. Exceptions may be approved by the president. Preparations are in progress to ensure appropriate safeguards in athletic competition. The plan is being developed to be in line with SAC and NAIA guidelines. USAO has implemented and will enforce a policy mandating that masks be worn by all employees, students and visitors when they are inside University facilities and vehicles and when they are
outdoors on campus and social distancing of at least six feet is not possible. This policy will remain in effect until further notice.

Housing and Dining: Student move-in has been extended over multiple days and time slots will be assigned. Students will have to sign the COVID-19 Housing Addendum that outlines expectations of them throughout their time in housing. The Cafeteria will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner and is not open to the public. Everything will be served in disposable containers and seating will be reserved for students only in the cafeteria. All others will need to take their food to go. The Daily Grind will not be open to the public and students will be able to order via text. Dusty’s will not be open to the public and students will receive a link to place their orders online. The C-Store will allow only four people in the store at one time.

Commencement: The University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma will hold a virtual commencement ceremony May 22 at 6:00 p.m. for its graduates of the spring 2020 term. The ceremony will be available at usao.stageclip.com and will include a highlight reel for each individual graduate.

Travel: University travel is not authorized at this time. Motor pool vehicles are not authorized for use at this time. Personal travel should be carefully considered. Personal travel should be carefully considered. Please follow CDC travel guidelines and state and local travel restrictions. Anyone who chooses to travel may be restricted from returning to campus depending on the specifics of their travel.

Summer 2020 Courses: All regular summer term courses (June 1-August 7) will be delivered online.

Fall 2020: For current USAO students, enrollment for independent study, the summer and fall terms will proceed and be done via the My USAO portal. Every effort will be made to remove or minimize enrollment obstacles, thus easing the process of online registration. This will include most Business Office holds. Contact the Business Office for additional information. After carefully considering the current situation and available models for the coming months, we fully intend to return to our traditional academic and residential college life this fall. Our top priority will always remain safeguarding the health and safety of our students, staff and faculty.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Please visit https://usao.edu/about/coronavirus/fall-reopening-plan.html for USAO’s reopening plan. USAO has implemented and will enforce a policy mandating that masks be worn by employees, students, and visitors when they are inside University facilities and vehicles and when they are outdoors on campus and social distancing of at least six feet is not possible.

Spring 2021: The University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma has decided to adjust the spring 2021 semester to best ensure the health and safety of the institution’s faculty, staff and students. Courses will begin January 14, one week later than usual, in order to provide an adequate amount of time between any New Year’s gatherings and the resumption of in-person instruction. The university will not observe Spring Break during the semester to limit potential travel and thus the possibility of anyone bringing the novel coronavirus back to campus. However, the university will close Monday, January 18 for the observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

Community Support: No updates at this time.

CARES Act: The University has applied for and now received funding from the federal CARES Act for Emergency Student Grants. These grants have eligibility restrictions placed by the U.S. Department of Education that would have kept many of our students from receiving assistance. However, we are pleased to announce that the USAO Foundation has funded grants to the portion of the student body that was excluded. Grants are being based on enrollment status as of the Friday before Spring-break. The tiers are part time $181 (3-5 credit hours), half time $354, three quarter time $548, and full-time $768. The funds are to help offset the cost associated with moving from traditional delivery of education to online delivery. This would include the cost of internet service, laptops, fuel, moving expense, and childcare. The Business Office will begin processing the grants May 11, 2020. We anticipate that all checks and deposits will be sent through Herring Bank.
previously elected to receive refunds through that process) will be completed and mailed by the end of that week. We will be mailing checks to the last address on file so if you need to change your address you will need to email Katie Sanders at kandsers@usao.edu using your University email account by Tuesday, May 12, 2020. For security reasons we will not accept change of addresses by any other form. Additionally, the University and Foundation are setting up a fund that students can apply to if you have expense related COVID-19 change in education delivery that exceeded the amount received through the initial grant above. There will be additional information released as we establish the process.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: If a faculty/staff member or student believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 and/or are exhibiting symptoms, they should self-quarantine and avoid travel. Contact your primary care physician or the Oklahoma Department of Health’s Coronavirus hotline at (877) 215-8336.

Two-Year Tier

Carl Albert State College (as of October 20)

Employees: Beginning May 18th, all employees reported back to campus, with the exception of those who may be considered “high risk” under CDC and state guidelines. Campus facilities are still closed to the public and will remain that way until further notice. However, the Cabinet leadership looks to re-evaluate this protocol over the next couple of weeks, at which time we will re-evaluate the situation and determine, if necessary, a date to reopen campus buildings. Computer labs will remain closed to the general public. Services required for student educational operations will still be conducted via phone, email, teleconference/Zoom, or regular mail. These include Financial Aid, the Business Office, Admissions, Academic Affairs, Student Affairs, Telecommunications, Physical Plant, and Human Resources. All buildings on campus will be locked at all times. Faculty will still conduct their duties through regular office hours either on campus or remotely. Faculty and staff will hold office hours, but will not be required to let students into the office if they do not feel safe. Students may be conversed with or advised via Zoom, or move to a larger space where social distancing can occur. Telehealth services are available to employees through HealthChoice. CASC will provide masks to employees; disposable masks shall be available in the Student Affairs Department on the Poteau campus, and in the Bookstore on the Sallisaw campus.

Students: CASC will provide masks to residential students. Non-residential students should provide their own mask but can request a mask in Student Affairs – Poteau and the Bookstore - Sallisaw. All individuals on campus shall be required to wear face coverings. Face shields may be worn in place of masks. DO notify the Office of Student Affairs immediately if you are potentially exposed to the COVID-19 virus.

Housing and Dining: Residence Halls will reopen for the fall semester. Students and approved guests must complete health screenings by provided medical professionals on site at check-in. Students will move in through a staggered format. Additional training and educational programming related to safety and security will be provided for all residents. At Café 1507, in-person dining seating capacity will be limited due to social distancing guidelines. Curbside pickup and to-go options will also be available.

Commencement: Commencement services have been postponed at this time, and a new date will be announced when it is determined.

Travel: College-sponsored travel is allowed. However, please adhere to masking and high-touch area cleaning protocols when utilizing a college vehicle. Students are subject to the CDC’s travel recommendations and any state executive orders related to COVID-19 travel. Students traveling out of state to a location with extreme COVID-19 activity and is exposed to the public there, should report their travel to the Student Affairs Office.
Summer 2020 Courses: After careful consideration and deliberation from the Executive Cabinet, the decision has been made to transition to a fully online format for Summer 2020. CASC’s current distance learning format will continue throughout the summer months.

Fall 2020: Classes will be offered in the following formats: in-class and hybrid delivery with social distancing practices, as well as online. Course delivery will move totally online following Thanksgiving break.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: To view CASC’s COVID Safety Policy, please visit https://www.carlalbert.edu/casc-reopening/. Masks are required in all instances of campus patronage when six feet of social distancing is not possible, for employees, students, visitors, vendors, and guests. Masks shall be worn by the aforementioned persons when inside college facilities and vehicles, or when outdoors on campus and social distancing cannot be maintained.

Community Support: Carl Albert donated gloves, gowns, and other medical equipment to the Eastern Oklahoma Medical Center in Poteau, and donated PPE from its nursing program to the local Sallisaw hospital – Northeastern Health System-Sequoyah. Carl Albert recently opened a foot pantry that will be open to CASC students and employees only. It will operate each Thursday, beginning May 7th. Students and employees must present their campus ID in order to receive food items.

CARES Act: No updates at this time.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: If you are experiencing any flu-like symptoms, you should remain home, notify your supervisor or instructors, and not report to work or class. Report any concerning symptoms to a health care provider or call the OSDH Call Center at (877) 215-8336. Any students who feel they need to be evaluated by a physician are asked to contact the Office of Student Affairs.

Connors State College (as of October 20)

Employees: All CSC students, staff, faculty, contractors, vendors, suppliers, and visitors must wear a face covering (mask) upon entering any campus building.

Students: Connors is currently evaluating all rooms to determine the number of students allowed based on guidelines from the CDC and the Oklahoma Department of Health. Connors State College is temporarily closing some of the buildings on campus to limit exposure to students, faculty, and staff. We will remain open for business via distance communication or by appointment to visit the campus. We will provide many services for you while you are away from campus. All athletes should have their temperatures taken before each practice, conditioning, and/or usage of the Fitness Center. For all Fall Scrimmages and games, every fan attending should have their temperatures taken before entering a facility. All fans wear masks while at any event.

Housing and Dining: Beginning in the Fall of 2020 new protocols will be put I place related to living in the CSC dormitories. These protocols will be shared with students in the residential meeting as well as being posted in the dorms and on our website. Connors State College dorms will be restricted throughout the 2020-2021 school year. No visitors of any kind will be permitted in the dorms, lounges, or rooms. Dorms are for residents only. There will be no overnight guests approved throughout the school year. All move-ins must be scheduled. All housing facilities on the CSC campus will be restricted to current housing students only. The cafeteria will open with capacity limits and social distancing.

Commencement: Commencement has been postponed.
Travel: The college’s travel policies will be updated and communicated regarding travel as needed. When traveling, all teams must wear masks while in the bus, van, or car. Out of state travel poses special issues as it relates to the virus. Some states have spiking numbers related to infections. Consideration must be given to the risk of staff and students before approving out of state travel.

Summer 2020 Courses: Some courses will be offered online and others via other alternative formats like Zoom.

Fall 2020: CSC will begin the Fall 2020 semester on August 17, 2020. For information our course delivery, please visit https://connorsstate.edu/covid-19-fall-2020-course-delivery/.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: All CSC students, staff, faculty, contractors, vendors, suppliers, and visitors must wear a face covering (mask) upon entering any campus building. For more information on CSC’s Fall 2020 plans, please visit https://connorsstate.edu/covid-19-fall-2020-update/ and https://connorsstate.edu/covid-19-non-residential-protocols/ for protocols.

Community Support: Connors State College’s third-semester nursing students sold t-shirts for their nursing fundraiser. With the money they collected, they paid a local print shop to make 350 masks to donate to the health care providers at Saint Francis in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Connors State College is adamant about protecting our health care providers in the State of Oklahoma, and around the country.

CARES Act: Please visit CSC’s website to access a questionnaire that will help determine if you are eligible to receive CARES Act funds.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: The Oklahoma State Department of Health encourages anyone who returns from an area with travel restrictions, or anyone who is experiencing flu-like symptoms, to self-quarantine for 14 days and report any concerning symptoms to a health care provider or call the OSDH Call Center at (877)-215-8336.

Eastern Oklahoma State College (as of October 20)

Employees: Beginning August 3, all employees are to return to campus on the regularly scheduled days/times other than employees with documented permission to work remotely or be absent. Eastern requires that all students, faculty, staff and visitors wear face coverings on the EOSC Wilburton and McAlester campuses. Face coverings may be removed when working or spending time alone in a personal workspace, office, or other area on campus. Student, faculty and staff who have been potentially exposed to or test positive for COVID-19 are requested to complete the online Self Reporting Form found on Eastern’s COVID-19 webpage.

Students: Eastern will require that all students, faculty, staff and visitors wear face coverings on the Eastern Oklahoma State College Wilburton and McAlester campuses. Eastern students attending classes at the Southeastern McCurtain County Campus in Idabel and the Kiamichi Technology Center in Antlers will be required to follow the hosting institution’s policy. New student orientation scheduled for August 10 in Wilburton will be virtual this year. The new student orientation scheduled for August 9 in McAlester will be conducted in person. The new student orientation for nursing students will be as scheduled on August 10. The Library will be open by appointment only to EOSC students and staff for academic assignment purposes only. No children or general public allowed. All activities and events must be planned to maintain social distancing guidelines and limit attendance. All activities and events involving students must be coordinated and approved by the Director of Student Life to ensure proper guidelines are followed. All Eastern athletic competition has been postponed to the spring 2021 semester per the NJCAA. Certain campus offices, such as the Enrollment Center, Business Office and Student Services Office may limit the number of students inside at one time. Please pay attention to campus signage for instructions. Student, faculty and staff who have been potentially exposed to or test positive for COVID-19 are requested to complete the online Self Reporting Form found on Eastern’s COVID-19 webpage.
Housing and Dining: Students will be encouraged to practice social distancing outside residence hall rooms and in common gathering spaces. No gatherings of 10 or more people will be permitted. Access to all residence halls and Regents Court will be restricted throughout the 2020-2021 academic year. No visitors will be permitted in the halls, rooms, lounges or common spaces. There will be no overnight guests approved this academic year. The frequency of daily cleaning of residence hall bathrooms and common gathering spaces will be increased. Dedicated rooms for isolation will be available should a student require quarantine upon a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis. The Cafeteria will be open with capacity limits and social distancing. No personal refillable containers will be allowed. There will be no self-serve items available. Students will be allowed to get to-go meals to help reduce the number of people in the dining area. Residential students should immediately contact the Office of Student Services at 918-465-1876 to make arrangements to determine if a move to an isolated quarantine room on campus is needed if they become ill.

Commencement: The commencement and nurse pinning ceremonies scheduled for May 8, 2020 are cancelled. It was discussed to consider moving the ceremonies to the summer, but with the unpredictable nature of COVID-19, EOSC believes it is necessary to cancel. EOSC acknowledges the accomplishments of their students and wish them the very best on the next opportunity they choose in life. Thank you for choosing to attend Eastern Oklahoma State College!

Travel: College sponsored travel is restricted until further notice. No out-of-state travel until further notice. Employees who have traveled to or from a country with a CDC travel advisory of Level 2 or higher within the last 14 days must self-quarantine before returning to work. When the state of Oklahoma enters into less restrictive phases of operational status, travel restrictions for EOSC students, faculty and staff will also be adjusted.

Summer 2020 Courses: EOSC will be offering summer courses online. New student enrollment for both summer and fall 2020 semesters begins May 4 by appointment only. All appointments must be scheduled with advisor information listed on the enrollment website, www.eosc.edu/admissions/new_student_enrollment.aspx.

Fall 2020: Eastern will offer face-to-face and online delivery options for the fall 2020 semester. New student enrollment for both summer and fall 2020 semesters begins May 4 by appointment only. All appointments must be scheduled with advisor information listed on the enrollment website, www.eosc.edu/admissions/new_student_enrollment.aspx. The New Student Orientation scheduled for August 10 in Wilburton will be virtual this year. The New Student Orientation scheduled for August 9 in McAlester will be in-person while maintaining social distancing guidelines. New Student Orientation for Nursing students will be as scheduled August 10.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Visit https://eosc.edu/student_br_campus_life/health_safety/coronavirus.aspx for more information regarding EOSC’s academic delivery plans for Fall 2020. Eastern will require that all students, faculty, staff and visitors wear face coverings on the Eastern Oklahoma State College Wilburton and McAlester campuses. Eastern students attending classes at the Southeastern McCurtain County Campus in Idabel and the Kiamichi Technology Center in Antlers will be required to follow the hosting institution’s policy. For Eastern COVID-19 statistics, please visit: https://eosc.edu/student_br_campus_life/health_safety/coronavirus.aspx

CARES Act: Eastern has obtained funding from the federal CARES Act to distribute to qualifying students and help with expenses related to the disruption of campus operations due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please read the initial email sent to students on May 13, 2020 for additional information. This can be found on EOSC’s COVID-19 webpage.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: If you are experiencing flu-like symptoms such as fever, cough and difficulty breathing, call your medical care provider or the Oklahoma State Department of Health's COVID-19 hotline at 877-215-8336 for further instruction. Please avoid contact with others, do not come to campus and do not travel unnecessarily. Students should notify the Office of Student Services (918-465-1818) and employees should notify the Office of Human Resources (918-465-1777) if experiencing flu-like symptoms.
Murray State College (as of October 20)

Employees: Most MSC employees will be returning to campus in the fall. However, some may be working remotely with the permission of supervisors. Supervisors will continue to address timelines and work responsibilities. However, if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, please notify your supervisor and seek guidance from healthcare professionals. Do not travel to campus if you have fever or other symptoms. Seek out medical treatment and notify your supervisor. Please visit the Employee Guidelines at https://www.mscok.edu/current-students/covid-19/aggies-all-in-returning-to-campus. MSC requires that all students, faculty, staff and visitors wear face coverings when they are in buildings on campus. Face coverings are also required in outdoor spaces where six feet of physical distancing cannot be maintained. Individuals may remove face coverings in a campus building if they are alone in an enclosed, private workspace or if they are in their assigned residence hall room. All employees will be provided one fabric MSC mask.

Students: All individuals in indoor college facilities must wear fabric or disposable surgical-style masks that cover their nose and mouth. The MSC Student Affairs Department will provide one fabric mask to all students. Students may remove masks when inside college facilities only (1) when alone in an enclosed room and (2) while participating in activities in which a face mask cannot practically be worn, such as eating and drinking or playing a musical instrument or singing as part of their work. Students are not required to wear masks in their dorm rooms, but they are strongly encouraged to do so, particularly when others are present. Students should refer to the ADA Compliance Officer to request an accommodation if mask wearing is not possible due to medical reasons. Most essential offices will be staffed as usual, but may reduce hours or personnel as necessary. Most essential offices will be staffed as usual, but may reduce hours or personnel as necessary. The MSC Library hours may be reduced to allow extra time for cleaning if necessary. Computers have been removed and work stations have been located at a six-foot distance from one another. Please pay attention to social distancing rules and wear a mask at all times when inside the library. Library and related student success services will be available online for students who wish to remain off campus. During fall 2020, student meetings and campus events will follow guidelines to maintain proper social distancing. The workout facility is expected to remain open during the fall semester as staffing allows. The facility will be sanitized on an increased schedule and student-athletes will be asked to assist in keeping the facility safe for all.

Housing and Dining: Normal procedures for student housing may be adjusted to allow for the safety of all. Common spaces may be reduced and/or rearranged. Students can expect an increased frequency of cleaning. For more information regarding changes to campus life facilities, please visit https://www.mscok.edu/current-students/covid-19/aggies-all-in-returning-to-campus. The cafeteria has been redesigned and the seating area has been reduced to allow for social distancing. Additional areas for dining may be made available if necessary. The Grind will be open for take-out only. Tables and chairs may be removed from the facility to allow for social distancing.

Commencement: We have decided to proceed with individual web pages for all graduates and award winners to celebrate their specific achievements. All pages will feature content on Murray State, but will focus on the personal and academic side of what has been accomplished by each student. Details about MSC Commencement in the Cloud 2020 will be emailed to students who applied for Spring 2020 graduation. Students will send in their own photos and share the link with family and friends. Caps and gowns will be distributed to allow for photo opportunities. The address will be https://msc2020.cloudcommencement.com. Honor graduates, along with academic and sports award winners will be recognized on their individual pages instead of through in-person ceremonies. On a set date at a certain time (which will be determined by a variety of factors), each individual student will be directed to his or her web page. At that time, you will be able to visit the official commencement site and view individual webpages.

Travel: Travel for all college-related business or academic purposes (regardless of prepayment) is suspended unless such travel is deemed absolutely critical to the college and approved in advance by President McDaniel.

Summer 2020 Courses: Murray State College has announced that all 2020 summer courses will be offered in online formats. Enrollment for the summer session, which begins May 26, is open now. Students may make an appointment to enroll at https://www.online.mscok.edu/book-online.
Fall 2020: Faculty will work to provide in-person, lecture-style instruction in as many courses as possible. Hy-flex options will be instituted. Students will be required to wear masks and instructors will wear masks or face shields and remain socially-distanced from students. Laboratory and clinical settings that are not appropriate for social distancing in regard to pedagogical or safety issues may require additional PPE including face shields, gloves, surgical masks or other as necessary for faculty and students. Murray will continue with regular hours of instruction. Lecture classes will be flexible with instructors providing Zoom capabilities and other online solutions for students who cannot attend all in-person class meetings. There will be no Fall Break (previously scheduled for October 15-16) this year. In-class instruction and in-person exams will be completed by November 20 to allow students to travel home for the Thanksgiving holiday without returning to campus. The week of November 30-December 4 will consist of virtual lectures and reviews. Finals week, December 7-11 will consist of online exams with proctoring to maintain academic integrity.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Please visit https://www.mscok.edu/current-students/covid-19/aggies-all-in-returning-to-campus to learn more about Murray State College’s COVID-19 Response Task Force. MSC has implemented and will enforce mandating mask wearing by all employees, students and visitors when they are inside college facilities and vehicles and when they are outdoors on campus and social distancing of at least six feet is not possible. This is effective until further notice and may be amended as needed in response to conditions on campus. Murray State has launched a weekly COVID Pandemic Situation Update which can be found at https://www.mscok.edu/current-students/covid-19/aggies-all-in-returning-to-campus

Community Support: Murray State College has responded to the shortage of personal protective equipment (PPE) by donating supplies to Mercy Hospital in Tishomingo and Ardmore. College departments of nursing and science donated masks, gloves, and gowns to Mercy in both locations. The nursing department also returned practice surgical gowns to Alliance Health which had generously donated them to MSC students for classroom use. “We were glad to have supplies on hand that could benefit doctors and nurses in our service area. We partner with Mercy in a variety of ways and hospitals in our area have always been quick to hire and support MSC graduates. It is an honor to be able to help during times like these,” said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

CARES Act: Murray State College intends to use no less than 50 percent of the funds received under Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. Murray State College will receive $583,905 from the Department of Education for Emergency Financial Aid Grants to Students. As of May 20, 2020, MSC has not disbursed any funds to students. Funds are scheduled to be disbursed to students on May 28, 2020. It is estimated 643 students will be eligible to participate in programs under Section 484 in Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 and thus eligible to receive Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students under the CARES Act. To be eligible, students must have completed the FAFSA, not been enrolled exclusively in online courses as of March 13, 2020, and submitted the Murray State College Self Certification Form. Each eligible student will be given an initial grant of $400.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: Call your doctor if you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms of respiratory illness, such as cough or difficulty breathing. Call 911 if you have a medical emergency and notify the dispatch personnel that you have, or are being evaluated for COVID-19. If possible, put on a facemask before emergency medical services arrive.

Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College (as of October 20)

Employees: In order to prepare for a fall return, NEO is currently conducting a phased process for bringing employees back to campus by June 1. At that time, NEO will allow visitors to conduct business in the Library/Administration Building and the Recruitment Office in Copen Hall, while other campus buildings will be accessible by appointment only. Students can visit the Admissions/Registrar, Financial Aid, the Business Office, Library, and the Center for Academic Success and Advising. Neo is providing a free, washable cloth mask to all students, staff, and faculty.
Students: The NEO Library Computer Lab and the Student Center Computer Lab will remain open with strict capacity limitation for students without access to the internet or devices. All NEO students, staff, faculty, vendors, and guests are encouraged to wear a face covering upon entering any public building on campus. NEO will move all fall and winter-start sports to spring 2021 following a decision by the NJCAA Board of Regents. The NEO Student Activity Center and pool will remain open for student and member use and will be arranged to accommodate for social distancing and capacity limits will be implemented. Student organizations will be allowed to meet, but gatherings must follow recommendations by the CDC and Oklahoma State Department of Health.

Housing and Dining: The student housing plan will include a reduction in available seating and capacity limits in common areas. Outside visitors must be approved in advance by calling 918-540-6326. High-risk students may request accommodations by contacting housing at housing@neo.edu. Sodexo at NEO has reduced capacity in the Student Union Cafeteria to allow for social distancing. In addition, students are encouraged to take their meals to-go. All students are encouraged to return home if they are ill. All illnesses should be reported to the Campus Nurse and if you suspect you have been exposed or display symptoms of COVID-19, you are encouraged to remain at home. If you are unable to return home, a limited number of quarantine rooms will be available.

Commencement: Commencement and other ceremonies associated with graduation have been canceled.

Travel: All travel has been suspended unless deemed absolutely critical to the college and approved by President Stafford.

Summer 2020 Courses: NEO announced that all classes beginning in June would be delivered in an online or hybrid format. In the past, NEO will also transition to a four-day workweek during the summer term, beginning May 11 and concluding July 30. NEO operates summer courses in three formats, with a full 8-week session as well as June and July 4-week sessions. NEO announced scheduled face-to-face classes beginning in July will be moved to an online hybrid format. Hybrid courses are similar to online delivery, but also incorporate Zoom technology to conduct live class sessions at scheduled class times during the semester.

Fall 2020: Classes will be offered in face-to-face (with Hyflex option), Online, Online Live, and hybrid formats. The fall 2020 semester classes will begin on August 17. Contingencies have been created and may be implemented based upon the spread of COVID-19 and recommendations of local, state, and federal health officials.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: For information on NEO’s personal health guidelines, please visit http://www.neo.edu/covid-19/covid-19-faq/personal-health-guidelines/. All NEO students, staff, faculty, vendors, and guests are encouraged to wear a face covering upon entering any public building on campus. Masks are not required but social distancing is strongly encouraged on any outdoor public area of campus.

Community Support: No updates at this time.

CARES Act: No updates at this time.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: NEO campus nurse Jennifer Osburn keeps regular office hours on the first floor of Harrill Hall. She will be available to assist with general health services. However, if you are exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19, such as shortness of breath, fever, or cough, contact your health care provider as soon as symptoms present.

Northern Oklahoma College (as of October 20)

Employees: All NOC campuses will be open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. beginning August 3. All NOC students, staff, faculty, contractors, vendors, suppliers and visitors must wear a face covering on campus property.
Common areas and employee breakrooms will open for individual usage with social distancing guidelines. Avoid gathering in break rooms/lunchrooms.

Students: All NOC students, staff, faculty, contractors, vendors, suppliers and visitors must wear a face covering on campus property. All college-related activities and events, both on-campus and off, will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis based on the current State and CDC recommendations at the time and must be approved by the appropriate vice president and president. All non-college events on all three campuses are suspended for Fall 2020 semester through January 22, 2021. Furniture has been rearranged in the common areas in the Student Union to allow for social distancing. The bookstore is open but when capacity is reached, only a safe number of customers will be allowed in the store while practicing social distancing. The Library will operate at normal business hours with furniture in public spaces arrange to ensure appropriate social distancing. When possible, library services will continue to include options for users who are unable to come to the library. The wellness center in Tonkawa will be opened with limited access to currently-enrolled NOC students and current NOC employees only. Hours of operation begin August 17 for students and employees, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. It will remain closed to the public. NOC has proactively frozen all memberships; upon reopening, NOC will reactivate and extend existing memberships during time of closure.

Housing and Dining: Move-in for Tonkawa and Enid campuses will be Tuesday, August 11 through Friday, August 14. NOC will be observing a staggered move-in. The student housing plan includes reducing or rearranging shared spaces, increased frequency of cleaning, acquisition of specialized disinfecting equipment, and dedicated spaces reserved for student quarantine, if necessary. Residence hall visitation will be limited to people living within your own residence hall. No external visitors are allowed until further notice. No more than two people will be allowed in a residence hall room at one time. NOC Food services in Tonkawa and Enid has reduced the capacity for seating to allow for social distancing within NOC dining facilities. There will no longer be self-serve stations and take-out options will be available. Employees will serve all food to guests with no buffet style or family style meal options.

Commencement: NOC Commencement for the Class of 2020 will be celebrated August 8 in a virtual ceremony. This ceremony will celebrate our entire Class of 2020 will our fall 2019, spring and summer 2020 graduates. Additional details are provided on our website, www.noc.edu/graduation.

Travel: All college-sponsored domestic and international travel is prohibited until further notice. International travel for personal reasons is strongly discouraged. In and out-of-state travel for college-related business or academic purposes is suspended until further notice, unless such travel is essential to the college and pre-approved by the appropriate Vice President and President. Travel between NOC campus locations does not require approval. All employees and students traveling with more than one person in a vehicle must wear a face mask at all times while in the vehicle.

Summer 2020 Courses: Northern Oklahoma College is currently enrolling students for summer courses. Early six-week courses begin May 11 while four-week courses begin June 8 and July 6. Late six-week courses begin June 22. Due to Covid-19, NOC will offer courses in two formats for Summer 2020 with options to match the students’ learning style while also continuing to follow CDC guidelines for a safe learning environment. Courses via synchronous Zoom technology are available for a summer rate of $161 per credit hour ($483 per 3 credit hour course) including tuition and fees. Thanks to private support through the NOC Foundation, all students (Oklahoma resident and non-resident) can take advantage of online courses for a reduced rate of $199 per credit hour ($597 per 3 credit hour course) including tuition and fees for the summer session. NOC students have access to 24-7 online tutoring services for all general education courses in addition to the help instructors provide. All NOC instructors who teach online complete training in Quality Matters (QM) for nationally-recognized standards of online course design. In addition, over 20 NOC courses have been QM certified through an external review process, passing eight key standards for excellence in course design. For a complete listing of courses, students should refer to the NOC Live Course Availability on NOC’s website. Students may enroll for summer courses by either contacting their advisor or NOC at 580.628.6220 (Tonkawa), 580.548.2275 (Enid) and 580.628.6910 (Stillwater). All enrollment appointments are currently conducted by email or over the phone (please leave a voicemail). For more information, visit www.noc.edu/online. There are
over 100 separate class offerings for online and Zoom courses. The Upward Bound summer academy, scheduled May 26 through June 25, will shift to online this summer. For more information on the NOC Upward Bound Program, contact erin.mccoy@noc.edu. The Chautauqua Teacher’s Institute, scheduled June 8-13, will shift to online this summer. This is a professional development opportunity with a week of history, culture and learning with this year’s theme “The Many Faces of Doug Mishler: A Chautauqua Classic.” For more information, contact DeLisha Ging at delisa.ging@noc.edu or 580.478.5174.

Fall 2020: Fall semester begins August 17. Students will have options for completely online courses, ITV courses, live online courses, or in-person instruction. NOC will be eliminating Fall break October 16 and continuing with class instruction during this period. NOC will conclude in-person classroom instruction by November 20, prior to Thanksgiving break November 23-27. Class activities will continue virtually during pre-finals week, November 30-December 4 and conducting final exams online December 7-11. On-campus services and project labs will remain open for students through December 11. On-campus housing and food services in Tonkawa and Enid will remain open for those choosing to return to campus after Thanksgiving break.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Please visit http://www.noc.edu/07232020-noc-fall-comeback-plan for more information regarding NOC’s Comeback Plan. All NOC students, staff, faculty, contractors, vendors and visitors must wear a face covering on campus property.

Spring 2021: Northern Oklahoma College is making several adjustments to the 2021 Spring Academic Calendar. Winter Break will be extended and spring classes will start on Tuesday, January 19 and NOC will not have a traditional spring break in March 2021 in order to avoid another possible surge in COVID cases due to student and employee travel.

Community Support: No updates at this time.

CARES Act: NOC has established the NOC CARES Emergency Relief Fund to help currently enrolled students who are unable to meet immediate, essential expenses because of temporary hardship related to an unexpected situation with limited emergency financial assistance. NOC CARES is designated to offset short-term financial need and is not intended to replace or supplement financial aid. Most Spring 2020 NOC students will automatically receive a cash grant from the CARES Act to assist with unexpected expenses arising from the pandemic and are not required to complete a grant application form. According to the U.S. Department of Education, qualified students must have filled out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA, earlier this year. Students in the following categories will not be eligible to receive NOC CARES funding: Students enrolled with schedule of all internet or online classes at census date of March 13, 2020; DACA students; international students; community service – non-degree seeking students; NOC employees; concurrent students; NOC/OSU Gateway Program students billed by OSU. Disbursement of funds in late May will be determined at a per credit hour calculation based upon the number of credit hours the student was enrolled in at the census date, March 13, 2020. Students should make sure their account is set up for NOC CARES grant refund without delay – see Finance/Financial Aid/Scholarships “How do I set up my account for any potential refund?” on our website, www.noc.edu/frequentlyaskedquestions. As if May 14, 2020, the college projects an estimated total of 1478 students who are eligible to participate in the program. At this time no students have received funds. Disbursement of funds in late May will be determined at a per credit hour calculation based upon the number of credit hours the student was enrolled in at the census date, March 13, 2020. The NOC CARES Technology Fund will be an additional supplement awarded to students on a case-by-case basis to help currently enrolled students access urgent basic technology needs. This is a one-time grant that does not need to be repaid. For best consideration, students with additional needs should apply by June 1. The Financial Aid department will review submitted applications and award based on financial need on a first come, first serve basis. Disbursement of NOC CARES Technology grant funds will be Mid-June.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: Please call the Coronavirus call center (877) 215-8336.
Oklahoma City Community College (as of October 20)

Employees: OCCC will move fall classes online, however, OCCC’s campus will remain open so students can access core services in person, including free WiFi, huddle stations, library, computers and labs. A limited number of staff members will work on-campus in critical functions. There is an employee hotline for employees who have questions, concerns, or need services, (405) 686-6276 or email employe hotline@occc.edu.

Students: OCCC will move fall classes online, however, OCCC’s campus will remain open so students can access core services in person, including free WiFi, huddle stations, library, computers and labs. A limited number of staff members will work on-campus in critical functions. Students who wish to meet with an adviser or faculty member can do so in person, over Zoom, or by phone, all by appointment. Some components of the traditional classroom which can’t be emulated online, including some specific labs, simulations, and trainings, and one-on-one services like private lessons and tutoring, will still take place in person. The Bookstore will continue to process student book/course material orders. All orders must be placed on the Bookstore website and will be shipped freight free, http://bookstore.occc.edu/home.

Housing: N/A

Commencement: OCCC will have a virtual commencement ceremony. Spring 2020 graduates should expect more information on this soon.

Travel: With the exception of essential travel, all college-related travel is suspended at this time.

Summer 2020 Courses: OCCC will continue with online-only classes through the summer session. Students are welcome back to campus beginning June 1. Though all summer classes remain online and online services will continue, many of our departments and services will be available in person, including: the bookstore, Bursar’s Office, cafeteria and coffee shop, labs and study areas (including the Writing Center), library, main building, Student Affairs departments (including Advising, Admissions, Financial Aid, and Veteran Affairs.) Students must enter through the main building’s primary entrance, MB1. Students will have their temperature taken upon entry and must be below 100.4 degrees to enter. Students must wear a mask upon entering and exiting the building, and in all common areas. If you have a fever, you will be asked to leave campus. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, please do not come to campus. If you have traveled outside of the U.S. in the last 30 days, please do not enter the building. Instead, self-quarantine for 14 days. If you have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19, do not enter the building. Instead, self-quarantine for 14 days. You must follow all social distancing guidelines while you are on our campus.

Fall 2020: Oklahoma City Community College announced that all classes for Fall 2020 will be conducted online. Fall classes begin August 17. OCCC’s campus will remain open so students can access core services in person, including free WiFi, huddle stations, library, computers, and labs.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation: Masks are required in shared, open areas. OCCC is deploying additional hand sanitizers on campus. They are planning additional cleaning throughout the campus and at the FACE Center and the OCCC Capitol Hill Center. Additional cleaning has occurred in areas with exercise equipment and other recreational areas.

Community Support: The Oklahoma City Community College Division of Health Professions has donated 3,200 yellow isolation gowns, 40 single-use stethoscopes, 54 clear safety glasses, and 51 boxes of critically-needed procedure masks – totaling 97,825 masks. “The safety of our students, their families and others in our community is our utmost priority,” said OCCC President Jerry Steward. “There is no question that OCCC will do whatever we can to help our neighbors in these unprecedented times.” The supplies were given to Integris Southwest Medical Center on March 20. OCCC also donated 3,250 pairs of gloves to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol to help protect troopers when interacting with the public. The OCCC food pantry remains open for student use. OCCC is also collecting donations of
diapers, formula, baby food, and baby clothes to help students with children, and recently opened applications for a student emergency loan fund to assist students in financial need.

CARES Act: No updates at this time.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: Please contact the community hotline at (877) 215-8336.

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Redlands Community College (as of October 20)

Employees: RCC is following CDC guidelines concerning social distancing and wearing face masks. Beginning Monday, July 27, all individuals on campus will be required to wear a face covering. Campus is open Monday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Tuesday through Friday 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **We will be returning to live, face-to-face classes effective Monday, September 28.** The mandatory mask policy is still in place for anytime you are in campus buildings or public spaces where physical distancing cannot be observed.

Students: **Effective Monday, September 14, all on-campus classes will be held virtually via Zoom.** Classes will be taught virtually during their regular class periods. Students are to go to their Blackboard class for Zoom instructions. Instructors will observe normal office hours and will be available on campus, by phone or virtually. All campus services and offices will remain open. **The current plan is to resume on-campus classes Monday, September 28, unless the number of cases has not been contained.** Beginning Monday, July 27, all individuals on campus will be required to wear a face covering. The computer lab in the Multimedia Center is available for student use, and the Academic Center for Enhancement is open for those who need to take placement testing or other exams offered. Redlands plans to resume on-site classes in the fall. The college awaits a directive from the NJCAA before making a determination on athletic programs. The Fitness Center has reopened and precautions are in place to protect members and employees. Please refer to the Fitness & Wellness page for more information about classes, training and fitness center hours. All public activities and events held on campus or at Darlington Learning Center and Royse Ranch are canceled until further notice.

Housing and Dining: Campus housing will be open for the 2020-2021 Academic year. Face masks are required everywhere on campus and may be removed when in your assigned apartment only. No overnight visitors will be allowed, only Redlands students that are assigned to the apartment are allowed to stay overnight. No outside visitors are allowed inside the apartments and there are to be no more than 10 individuals per apartment and face masks must be worn if Redlands students gather in an apartment.

Commencement: To honor 2020 graduates, Redlands Community College is creating an online graduation portal. This site will launch May 8 at 2:00 p.m. and include videos from our commencement speaker and Redlands President Jack Bryant as well as features of each graduate. Once your profile has been approved and published, you will be able to share it with family and friends, and your page will include a guestbook for them to send you congratulatory messages.

Travel: Redlands suspended all non-essential, college-related travel until further notice. It is important to remember that international travel restrictions remain in place following U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention travel guidelines. Students, faculty and staff are asked to self-report travel before returning to campus by completing a travel form found on the Redlands COVID-19 website.

Summer 2020 Courses: All summer classes at Redlands Community College are being offered online. Current students are able to log into the my.Redlandscc.edu portal and select Add/Drop courses under the Enrollment tab. Both the Summer and Fall schedules are online at www.redlandscc.edu.

Fall 2020: **Redlands Community College plans to resume on-site classes in the Fall.** The Fall semester begins August 17, and at this time, the college intends to open campus housing for the 2020-2021 academic year. The
administration will be following CDC guidelines as well as those issued at the local and state levels to implement safety measures on campus.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: **Beginning July 27, all individuals on campus will be required to wear a face covering. The face coverings must be worn at all times in public areas, including classrooms, hallways, restrooms, campus vehicles, labs and all other common areas on campus.** For more information on Redlands’ return to campus, please visit [http://www.redlandscc.edu/covid-19-updates-and-resources](http://www.redlandscc.edu/covid-19-updates-and-resources)

Community Support: RCC donated supplies to SSM Health St. Anthony El Reno and Healthcare One.

CARES Act: To qualify for funding through the Federal CARES Act, students must meeting the following criteria: must be enrolled in at least 1 credit hour as of April 14; 2020, high school concurrent students are not eligible; students who were taking 100% online courses prior to the COVID-19 transition are not eligible; students who are not eligible to fill out a FAFSA will not receive funding (this includes DACA and international students); full-time Redlands employees are not eligible; if you qualify, you will receive $43.47 per credit hour that you are enrolled in as of April 14, 2020 (dropped and withdrawn classes before this date do not count). Funds will be disbursed the week of May 4 to students meeting these criteria. Please remember, Redlands Community College did not create the guidelines and we do not have the authority to change them. We must follow the guidelines established by the federal government. It is important that you log into my.Redlandscc.edu to make sure you have selected a refund choice and that your banking information is correct. If you did not set up a direct deposit refund choice, we will mail your grant funds to you in the form of a paper check beginning the week of May 4. Log into my.Redlandscc.edu to make sure we have your correct mailing address on file. If you believe that you meet the qualifications listed, please do not call to check on your refund until after May 6. After May 6, if you believe you should have received funds, please contact Megan Baxter by email with any questions (megan.baxter@redlandscc.edu).

Contact for Health-Related Questions: The Oklahoma State Department of Health encourages anyone who believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 or anyone who is experiencing flu-like symptoms, to self-quarantine for 14 days and report any concerning symptoms to a health care provider or call the Oklahoma COVID-19 Call Center at 877.215.8336.

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**Rose State College (as of October 20)**

Employees: As of August 3, Rose State College entered Phase III of its reopening plan. The campus returned to unrestricted staffing in preparation for the Fall 2020 semester. Prior to arriving each day for work, employees shall conduct a wellness check looking for COVID-19 symptoms. Employees with any symptoms are strongly urged to get tested as soon as possible. All students, employees, and visitors shall wear a mask or face covering while at Rose State College. Individuals with concerns about wearing a face covering due to a disability should contact Human Resources at 405-733-7979 or HR@rose.edu.

Students: All students, employees, and visitors shall wear a mask or face covering while at Rose State College. Individuals with concerns about wearing a face covering due to a disability should contact Student Access Services at 405-733-7373 or StudentAccessServices@rose.edu.

Housing and Dining: All students, employees, and visitors shall wear a mask or face covering while at Rose State College. Housing residents are exempted from wearing masks while in their residences, however they must still be worn outside of the apartment when social distancing is not achievable. If a student tests positive or has been exposed to someone with COVID-19, they should quarantine at home. If they are a resident of The Village, the student should notify the Office of Residence Life (kqueri@rose.edu or 405-733-7490)

Commencement: RSC held a virtual commencement ceremony on May 8 to recognize its 2020 graduate class.
Travel: All official international travel is suspended until further notice, effective immediately. All official domestic travel will be carefully assessed on a case-by-case basis examining the mission criticality of the travel and the degree of virus transmission at the destination. Further domestic travel that has not been officially processed is suspended until further notice. The College strongly urges prudent analysis with regard to domestic and international air travel for personal travel. Members of the RSC community who are taking personal international air travel are strongly encouraged to reconsider the needs of the travel. Further, employees taking personal international air travel must be ready to comply with self-isolation procedures and requirements. Those who have traveled out of the country or on a cruise will not be allowed back on campus for fourteen days and should self-isolate.

Summer 2020 Courses: Rose State College will host Kids College and Teen Scene classes online this summer. The new format allows for students to safely learn and have fun with wacky instructors teaching STEM, cooking, art, sports, and other educational topics. Classes will start as scheduled on June 8 and run through August 3rd. Visit www.rose.edu/kids for more information.

Fall 2020: Students will be back for in-person classes in the fall at Rose State College. Plans are being made for a phased approach to bring faculty and staff back to campus. The President’s Office stated, “If the situation models hold true, please be assured that by August 1st we plan on being 100% operational with classes starting back up on August 17th.” The college is piloting a flex course offering this summer through its Business division to ensure students can attain their academic goals no matter the situation. The flex option is a combination of delivery modalities. Classes will be set up with scheduled meeting times, room location and a professor. Flex courses allow a student to meet face-to-face in the classroom, but the same class can be taken solely online or in a combination of online and distance learning. The flex course will be expanded to other divisions in the fall. Beginning Monday, November 30th, all classroom lectures will be delivered through online methods only. Students who are enrolled in labs, clinicals, and activity classes should check with their professors regarding these classes. Information on Final Exams will also be provided by Professors.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: To view Rose State’s “Raiders Returning” plan, please visit https://www.rose.edu/content/about-us/our-campus/covid-19-campus-resource-page/news-and-updates/. All Rose State College students, employees, and visitors must wear a cloth face covering (mask) upon entering any campus building and when near or are encountering others. RSC will provide weekly campus statistics which can be found at https://www.rose.edu/content/about-us/our-campus/covid-19-campus-resource-page/campus-statistics/

Community Support: Rose State College’s Health Sciences Division as a whole collected and donated personal protective equipment including gloves, surgical masks, and specialized respirators masks. Equipment was delivered to OU Medical, Integris Baptist, and SSM St. Anthony Shawnee. Rose State College loaned Alliance Hospital in Durant three ventilators to assist with the shortage during the COVID-19 crisis. The Rose State Environmental Training Program also donated an additional 30 boxes of examination gloves and 6 protective face shields to the City of Midwest City Public Works & Safety Division.

CARES Act: No updates at this time.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: If a faculty/staff member or student believes they have been exposed to COVID-19 and/or are exhibiting symptoms, they should not report to campus. First, contact your primary care physician or the Oklahoma Department of Health’s Coronavirus hotline at (877) 215-8336 for instruction on testing and other recommended procedures. Next, contact Joedon Hughes, Coordinator of Safety, Security, and Risk Management at (405) 420-8216 or (405) 635-4493 or email jhughes@rose.edu. The department will gather the individual’s information and contact the appropriate parties. This is important to help the College make arrangements for the individual as it relates to their role at the college.
Seminole State College (as of October 20)

Employees: Face masks are required for employees, students, and visitors when on campus. Students, faculty and staff will receive a SSC-branded cloth mask at the beginning of the semester. Virtual meetings and events will be encouraged. For those requesting in-person meetings, work with campus event staff to determine the maximum number of attendees in each space to maintain at least six feet of physical distancing. Employees should consult the Seminole State College OKHEEI Employee Assistance Program for a variety of services.

Students: Face masks are required for employees, students, and visitors when on campus. Students, faculty and staff will receive a SSC-branded cloth mask at the beginning of the semester. Virtual meetings and events will be encouraged. For those requesting in-person meetings, work with campus event staff to determine the maximum number of attendees in each space to maintain at least six feet of physical distancing. Athletics will follow NJCAA guidance. The Student Union is open for dining with furniture rearranged to encourage social distancing. It is requested that all student organizations meet virtually, if practicable. If not practicable, follow guidelines for physical distancing. Many campus offices will continue to offer services virtually or by appointment when possible to reduce and manage foot traffic.

Housing and Dining: Students living in student housing will move in and move out in staggered shifts. All student residents will need to follow the campus mask requirement and wear their masks at all times unless in their rooms. Social distancing is encouraged at all times in residence halls. All meals will be served by Great Western Dining. No self-serve options will be available. At the present time, all food will be served in to-go containers. Students experiencing COVID-19 symptoms and living on campus should notify their residence hall staff immediately.

Commencement: Seminole State College will hold its 87th Commencement Ceremony on Friday, May 8, for students completing coursework requirements for their degree programs. Due to the Campus’ response to the COVID-19 pandemic, traditional Commencement Exercises scheduled in the Raymond Harber Field House on the campus of Seminole State College have been cancelled. Instead, the graduation ceremony will be held virtually at the original time of 10:30 a.m. on the College’s website, sscok.edu. To recognize students slated to receive their diplomas, a graduation video will be presented to the public. The exercise will include opening comments from SSC President Lana Reynolds, followed by the presentation of graduate names – including academic recognitions and photos, if submitted. To conclude the presentation, messages of congratulations from the faculty will be delivered by Division Chairs Dr. Steve Bolin, Social Sciences; Jason Cook, STEM; Brad Scatzel, Business and Education; Jessica Isaacs, Language Arts and Humanities; and Dr. Noble Jobe, Nursing and Health Sciences. Students who graduated in the fall of 2019 and expected graduates for the spring and summer 2020 semester will be recognized during the ceremony.

Travel: The U.S. Department of State issued a Global Level 4 Travel Advisory which advised U.S. citizens to avoid international travel of any sort. Other nonessential travel has been canceled for faculty, staff and students until further notice. For personal travel, follow CDC travel guidance.

Summer 2020 Courses: Due to the continue effects and unknown ramifications of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have decided to offer all summer academic courses on an online basis only. We are optimistic that our society and campus may be able to return to some normalcy in the coming months, but understand that it is not prudent to delay decisions and planning for the summer term.

Fall 2020: SSC will offer face-to-face, online, Zoom and hybrid courses for the fall semester. It is understood that, depending on resurgence of the COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent CDC recommendations, students and faculty must be prepared to pivot to virtual delivery. Some classes will be restructured to incorporate online instruction with reduced face-to-face classroom time. Over 80 classes will be offered online for the Fall term. Due to mandatory social distancing regarding COVID-19, a few adjustments have been made to the enrollment process. New students may use scheduling links to make an appointment and see us in person, or we are continuing to enroll via email with a few documents that will need to be scanned and emailed to admissions (please see the announcement online for this list). Returning students that need to enroll may either contact their advisor, come to campus and meet with and advisor.
using scheduling links, or call the advising office on campus. Please contact: Admissions at (405) 382-9230 or admissions@sscok.edu, Advising at (405) 382-9797 or advising@sscok.edu, or Financial Aid at (405) 382-9247 or finaid@sscok.edu. To view sign-up links to schedule appointments with each department please view SSC’s June 23 Admissions Enrollment Fall 2020 announcement at https://www.sscok.edu/covid19/covid.html.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Please visit https://www.sscok.edu/covid19/covid.html to see Seminole State’s Plans and Preparations statement on June 11 regarding their plans for Fall 2020. SSC strongly encourages wearing masks to protect yourself and others. A campus mask mandate was passed by the Seminole State College Board of Regents at their meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2020, and will be effective immediately. All employees, students and guests will be required to wear a mask upon entering campus.

Community Support: Seminole State College recently donated medical supplies to SSM Health St. Anthony – Shawnee to assist with COVID-19 preparations at the hospital. The donation included 26 boxes of DemaAssist synthetic powder-free gloves, 3 boxes of Nitrile gloves and 30 packets of disposable gowns. The hospital has long served as a site for clinicals for SSC nursing students. SSC President Lana Reynolds said that the College also reached out to the local Alliance Health facility in Seminole and are looking for ways to assist with their needs. On Tuesday, May 12 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in front of Tanner Hall on the Seminole State College Campus, the Infant Crisis Services’ BabyMobile will be offering a drive-through diaper service for families in need.

CARES Act: Seminole State College has received an allocation of the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund that is being provided by the U.S. Department of Education through the CARES Act. These funds will be distributed to our students based on specific guidance from the U.S. Department of Education as well as procedures established by SSC. Students must be eligible for Title IV federal aid to qualify for this program, but, not necessarily recipients of those grants. Students will be contacted about steps to take to receive funding, based on their credit hour enrollment. Our current projections are that qualifying students who were taking 15 credit hours this Spring will receive $675. This money will be disbursed quickly. Please encourage students you have contact with to take advantage of this program.

For health-related questions, contact: Any employee or student, diagnosed with COVID-19 or exposed to anyone who tests positive for the virus, should inform the President’s office immediately. Calls may be made to (405) 382-9200.

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**Tulsa Community College (as of October 20)**

Employees: Until further notice, all individuals on campus (employee, student, and visitor) shall use face coverings. This face covering shall be worn when moving throughout the campus, in hallways, breakrooms, restrooms, classrooms, or common areas or any time social distancing of at least six feet is not possible. Individuals may only remove their face coverings while on campus if they are within their enclosed private workspace, they are consistently at least six feet from others, and they are not interacting with others. Employees will be required to check temperatures daily prior to reporting to work.

Students: Until further notice, all individuals on campus (employee, student, and visitor) shall use face coverings. This face covering shall be worn when moving throughout the campus, in hallways, breakrooms, restrooms, classrooms, or common areas or any time social distancing of at least six feet is not possible. Students shall wear face coverings at all times during classes held on campus. Maximum occupancies for conference rooms will be reduced for libraries and share computer spaces. TCC will deploy thermal scanning at primary entry points on campus to capture heat signatures from those entering. Students can now access all services virtually at https://www.tulsacc.edu/student-resources#virtual.

Housing: N/A
Commencement: Graduating TCC students should have received an email and a phone call from the College informing them on what they need to do regarding graduation which was originally scheduled for May 9. Graduation Week kicks off May 17 and students are asked to stop by May 17, 18, or 19 to have their picture taken in front of the marquee of the Circle Cinema. By May 21, graduates should be aware of all the surprises. TCC Career Mobility will host a virtual pinning ceremony for 40 nursing students tonight (May 12) at 8 p.m. These students are paramedics or licensed practical nurses who completed the accelerated nursing track.

Travel: Non-essential business travel is prohibited until further notice. Any business travel deemed essential must be pre-approved by cabinet member submitted through the Concur system. Additional approvals include Risk Management. Personal travel out of state or country is strongly discouraged and must be reported to Risk Management by Employee/Supervisors 48 hours prior to travel and may or may not result in an order to self-quarantine for at least 14 days. If self-quarantine is deemed necessary, employees will be required to utilize accrued paid leave or enter a leave without pay status.

Summer 2020 Courses: TCC summer classes will move to online and distance learning following its decision to shift classes for the current semester. For some students, this will mean a virtual classroom experience at the same day and time as the scheduled class. For others, it means using lectures captured by video to be viewed when the student has time. For other subjects, such as a science course with a lab component, this means using the best resources or shared resources to teach the concepts of outcomes. There have been modifications to the Application Process for the Veterinary Technology Applicants. Please see the TCC News Updates website for more information. The World Language Lab is available for online tutoring appointments.

Fall 2020: Fall course schedule is underway. Fall classes will resume with options in online, online live, blended and in-person classes. The redesign, which affects 80 percent of the class sections, includes the following options for our students: Online: content is delivered through the internet, no scheduled full-class meetings; Online Live: online “web-conference style” courses meet at a scheduled time, and students are required to be present online, live at that time; Blended: part online, part on campus with scheduled face-to-face time(s) following physical space guidelines on campus; Face-to-Face: held at specific times following physical space guidelines on campus. The College is currently evaluating all rooms to determine the number of students allowed based on square footage and sanitizing stations. For information regarding TCC’s Virtual Campus and Services, please visit: https://www.tulsacc.edu/admissions-aid/virtual-campus-and-services

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: Please visit https://www.tulsacc.edu/campus-life/campus-safety/coronavirus/return-campus-plan to learn more about Tulsa Community College’s Return to Campus Plan. Until further notice, ALL individuals on campus (employee, student, and visitor) shall use face coverings, which must cover, at a minimum, nose and mouth. This face covering shall be worn when moving throughout the campus, in hallways, breakrooms, restrooms, classrooms, or common areas or any time social distancing of at least six feet is not possible.

Community Support: Tulsa Community College Nursing and Allied Health Programs has donated masks, gloves, gowns and other equipment to the four main hospital systems in Tulsa: Ascension-St. John, Hillcrest Medical Center, St. Francis Health System, and OSU Medical Center, as well as the Stillwater Regional Medical Center. Several members of the advisory board in need of personal protective equipment for health care workers reached out to TCC faculty regarding the college’s supply, and others have posted a call on social media,” the college said in a news release Monday. “These hospitals are TCC’s education partners that provide clinical experiences, serve as instructors, and offer paid internships for TCC students.” The TCC Foundation has emergency funds available to help. Please see the Emergency Funds Request Form on Tulsa Community College’s COVID-19 webpage.

CARES Act: No updates at this time.
Western Oklahoma State College (as of October 20)

Employees: To remain in compliance with the City of Altus, facial coverings will be required while in all campus buildings.

Students: To remain in compliance with the City of Altus, facial coverings will be required while in all campus buildings. Class limits have been decreased based on classroom square footage to allow for the recommended 6 feet of social distancing. Occupancy levels in the cafeteria and recreation areas such as Pioneer Point will be adjusted to adhere to social distancing guidelines. College facilities will once again be available for community events and gatherings with limited capacity based upon social distancing guidelines. The Wellness Center will be fully operational on August 3, 2020. Staff and patrons will be trained on proper sanitizing procedures. All students that have tested positive or have been quarantined due to exposure will be required to submit a Release Letter from the Jackson County Health Department or their local health department to the Office of Academic support prior to returning to school. This release can be brought to the office located in A-11 in the main building, or emailed to the Academic Dean at Roxanne.hill@wosc.edu. If students have questions, they can call (580) 477-7940. The faculty will be notified through PATH when a student can return.

Housing and Dining: Residential students will return to campus following protocol developed by campus administration and Oklahoma Department of Health staff. Students will be checked into college housing in shifts of small groups. They will receive health and safety related information and be tested for COVID-19. Students that test positive will be quarantined following CDC guidelines. Students who room with or have been in close contact to a student that tests positive may also be quarantined as deemed appropriate by the Oklahoma Department of Health.

Commencement: With a very heavy heart, the decision has been made to cancel Western’s regularly scheduled 2020 nursing pinning ceremony and graduation. Unfortunately, COVID-19 has caused turmoil for many. It is our hope to provide graduates with an opportunity to celebrate their accomplishments at some time in the future. However, with all the uncertainties in the world we do not want to make a promise that we are unable to keep. We hope that you understand that this decision was not taken lightly, and the goal is to maintain public health and do our part. Of course, we are proud of every single student and their accomplishments. When the college is able to open to the public, students who have purchased a cap and gown may return them to the Student Store for a full refund.

Travel: Travel for all college-related business or academic purposes (regardless of prepayment) is suspended unless such travel is deemed absolutely critical to the college and approved in advance by the Office of the President.

Summer 2020 Courses: Summer enrollment will open April 20. Information regarding virtual placement testing will be posted soon, as well as a process for students needing assistance with enrollment. The decision has been made to offer the summer session in a completely virtual format as there is a strong possibility the campus may still be closed when summer school begins on May 26. Courses listed as online will remain 100% online. However, courses listed with a meeting date and time will be taught live and students will use Zoom to attend those courses virtually.

Fall 2020: Many classes that are being offered face-to-face will also have an extended classroom with virtual seats. Students who enroll in this section will join remotely at the scheduled class time via Zoom. There is no additional fee for those who enroll for a seat in the extended classroom.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: To view WOSC’s Fall 2020 Semester Working Plan, please visit https://www.wosc.edu/index.php?page=covid19#updates. To remain in compliance with the City of Altus, facial coverings will be required while in all campus buildings.

Community Support: Western’s nursing program has donated gowns, gloves, shoe covers and hair covers to Great Plains Regional Medical Center in Elk City. The campus also partnered with the Jackson County Health department by providing facilities and volunteers for a COVID-19 drive-thru testing on April 1, 2020.
CARES Act: Western Oklahoma State College has submitted an application to take part in the CARES Act. We are currently working with the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and our counterparts across the state to determine a fair and equitable way to disperse funds to students when they are available. As soon as we have more information regarding this matter we will share via student emails and the COVID-19 Updates link on the Western home page.

Technical Branches

Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology (as October 20)

Employees: We will begin to re-open campus in waves, with the first employee group returning May 20 and our second wave returning to campus on June 3. Before May 20, the OSUIT vice presidents will identify, for their respective areas, the essential personnel that need to return to campus to make preparations for the summer semester with the following considerations: continue following safe-at-home guidelines if they are over 65 or part of a vulnerable population; maintain social distancing from others; use PPE when appropriate using the guidelines established by OSUIT; use virtual meetings when possible and appropriate; follow proper cleaning/sanitation protocols. Facial coverings/masks are required in all OSUIT facilities. This guidance is also effective on campus grounds and outdoor areas where social distancing cannot be maintained.

Students: campus services from the Grady Clack Center will be delivered through alternative methods such as phone calls, emails, texting, and other technology-mediated channels. OSUIT’s Childcare Center and Covelle Hall have been closed temporarily. The computer lab in the OSUIT library will be open from noon to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday, on a call-ahead basis. The Cowboy Café and C-Store are open with regular service hours and social distancing guidelines in place. The State Room culinary buffet and Tech Room remain closed. All guided campus tours have been suspended temporarily. However, we will be offering virtual tours via Facebook Live. Facial coverings/masks are required in all OSUIT facilities. This guidance is also effective on campus grounds and outdoor areas where social distancing cannot be maintained. All university counseling services have transitioned to virtual sessions to comply with OSUIT’s social distancing guidelines due to COVID-19. To schedule an appointment call (918) 293-4988 or email Kathy.avery@okstate.edu.

Housing: OSUIT has reduced housing occupancy levels for the remainder of the spring trimester. Residents were notified that many of them would not be able to return to live in the dorms until the health crisis is over. Residential Life is working closely with those students who have no other housing options and will assist them on a case-by-case basis.

Commencement: Spring graduates will be sent a package that includes their regalia and diploma with an invitation to either walk in our summer commencement or share their own family celebration through social media using the hashtag “OSUITgrad.” Details about this plan will be sent to spring graduates directly.

Travel: Effective March 13, all university-sponsored international travel is prohibited until further notice. International travel for personal reasons is strongly discouraged. Effective immediately, all non-essential university-sponsored domestic air travel is suspended until further notice. Effective immediately, all out-of-state travel for university-related business or academic purposes is suspended until further notice, unless such travel is essential to the university. There are no current restrictions on in-state university-related travel.

Summer 2020 Courses: The summer trimester includes a special internship-only session on May 1 with all regular classes beginning June 15. See the table on the OSUIT Coronavirus Student Announcements page for details on all parts of term. The modality of instruction, whether online or face-to-face, may require additional adjustment depending on the status of the pandemic over the next few months. Some classes will begin with online learning and transition to face-to-face learning as time and social distancing recommendations allow. Other classes will only be offered online.
As a result of the uncertainty around the pandemic’s effect on our instructional methods, all online electronic media fees will be waived for the summer 2020 term.

Fall 2020: **OSUIT is planning to return more courses to in-person instruction for the fall semester beginning September 21.** In order to comply with social distancing guidelines, each course instruction may include a different delivery method including in-person, blended, hybrid, or fully online.

Fall 2020 COVID-19 Mitigation Efforts: To learn more about OSUIT’s health guidelines, please visit https://osuit.edu/coronavirus/infection-prevention-guidance.php. **Facial coverings/masks are required in all OSUIT facilities. This guidance is also effective on campus grounds and outdoor areas where social distancing cannot be maintained.**

Community Support: No updates at this time.

CARES Act: No updates at this time.

Contact for Health-Related Questions: OSUIT requests that any student returning from a cruise ship, air travel, or location that is a level 2 or higher, where a known case has been reported, should follow these procedures: Call (918) 293-4946 if you have been exposed, and we will notify the appropriate academic dean and/or vice president. Do not come to campus until you have called this number, reported your travel, and received further instructions. Monitor your health and limit interactions with others for 14 days. If you are experiencing a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, call (918) 293-4946 and seek medical advice. If you do not have a primary physician, you may call the OSUIT campus physician at (918) 752-1080. Do not come to the OSU Campus Infirmary.

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**Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City (as of October 20)**

Employees: General business hours for the campus are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Please call ahead to inquire about hours for specific programs or locations. OSU-OKC encourages all visitors to campus to be courteous of others by covering their coughs or sneezes by coughing/sneezing into their elbow or shirt sleeve. Be mindful of your contact with shared surfaces or rooms/areas and practice regular hand-washing with soap and water. Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth with your hands.

Students: Like campuses around the state, OSU-OKC is working to safeguard the health of students and faculty during the COVID-19 pandemic. With that in mind, we have built flexible fall semester course offerings, including both online and in-person experiences.

Housing: N/A

Commencement: OSU-OKC has postponed graduation and all program pinnings for the spring 2020 semester.

Travel: All university-related international travel is suspended until further notice. Faculty, staff and students may not travel internationally for university-related business or academic purposes, including, but not limited to, study abroad, research or grant activity, internships, academic work for credit, service, conferences or presentations, and teaching or training. All university-related out-of-state domestic travel is suspended until further notice, unless such travel is deemed essential to the university. Individuals who believe domestic travel is essential must first contact their division head or a member of the university’s executive team. University leaders strongly encourage faculty, staff and students to exercise caution with regard to personal air travel.

Summer 2020 Courses: All classes at OSU-OKC will be conducted online for the summer 2020 term. Enrollment is now open for summer and fall semesters. Please visit https://osuokc.edu/enroll for more information.
Fall 2020: Enrollment is now open for summer and fall semesters. Please visit https://osuokc.edu/enroll for more information.

Community Support: No updates at this time.

CARES Act: OSU-OKC will provide no less than 50 percent of funds received through Section 18004(a)(1) of the CARES Act to provide Emergency Financial Aid Grants to students. OSU-OKC has or will receive $1,150,415.00 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants for Students. As of May 11, 2020, OSU-OKC has distributed $229,500 in Emergency Financial Aid Grants for Students. OSU-OKC estimates 2,337 are eligible for Emergency Financial Aid Grants. As of May 11, 2020, 509 students have received Emergency Financial Aid Grants. Full-time students who are eligible for funding will receive $750; part-time students who are eligible will receive $375. Eligible students will begin receiving funding the week of May 11, 2020. No action is required on the part of students. For questions, email finaid@osuokc.edu.

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University Centers

University Center at Ponca City (as of October 20)

Students: The UC will resume normal operating hours beginning on August 3, 2020. The UC lobby will open Monday-Thursday 8 a.m.-8:30 p.m. and until 5 p.m. on Fridays in the fall. Students in the building after 8:30 p.m. may remain until the facility closes at 10 p.m. on Monday-Thursday. All students, staff, faculty, visitors and vendors must wear a face covering on all UC property. Coverings will be worn in all public spaces and classroom spaces. This policy goes into effect Monday, August 10. Students and staff will be provided a face mask. You may wear your own individual mask if you choose. Staff and students may remove their mask in offices and classrooms when they’re the only one present in the room. The UC is making every effort to support students and ensure they can continue with their studies throughout the semester. If a student must quarantine due to a documented COVID-19 exposure, the UC will provide a laptop to the student if they choose to utilize one during their quarantine. Students who have had a COVID-19 exposure may access the UC’s wireless network from the parking lot to connect to classes and instruction. Students wishing to utilize the UC and are not enrolled in courses physically at the UC may purchase a badge for $20 to acquire facility access. This includes access to the wireless network, printers, and computer labs.

Programs: Regarding the LEGO Robotics program, we’re looking for a virtual robotics academy this summer for our youngest students in June, and aim to hold one or two in-person academies in late July. Stay tuned for more information.

Community Support: The University Center is using 3D printing to create new masks and ear guards.

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University Center of Southern Oklahoma (as of October 20)

Students: The University Center of Southern Oklahoma will require masks for students and staff for the fall semester beginning August 17. Policies from Langston University, Murray State College and Southeastern Oklahoma State University – schools that partner with USCO to offer classes in Ardmore – all require face coverings on campus. The UCSO policy instituted ahead of the fall semester extends the requirement to the satellite campus in Ardmore.