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 May 12)

Employees: With the completion of the academic year, we are continuing to reevaluate the schedule for the return of employees to campus. While many parts of the community and state are beginning to open, the university has determined the healthiest path forward is to remain closed to visitors until July 7. While the campus is closed to visitors, employees will continue to work from home at the direction of their supervisor. Supervisors will advise those employees whose functions cannot be performed remotely and require on-campus work. When on campus, employees should observe social distancing and wear a face covering when social distancing is not possible. If an employee does not have a face covering, contact your supervisor and one will be provided. Any employees who do come to campus should not come to work sick. Employees 65 and over, or with severe underlying health conditions, should consider alternatives to working on-campus at this time. Please contact your supervisor and HR consultant. If employees are unable to return to the campus when asked due to childcare or other caregiver duties or need accommodations for their current work location, please work with your supervisor or HR consultant. This new timetable will reduce the number of people on campus through June and help us better prepare the campus for students in August. We will provide details about the plan for reopening campus in the near future.

Students: All classes at the Stillwater and Tulsa campuses will be delivered online for the remainder of the spring semester. 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 is 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.

Housing: OSU strongly encourages reducing occupancy in on-campus housing for the rest of the spring semester. Students who must maintain a physical presence on the Stillwater campus must provide their reasons and agree to a health screening by OSU’s Health Services. OSU developed a schedule for students to move out over a 12-day period (March 23 – April 3), that staggers time slots and limits the number of students who could move out each day in order to practice safe social distancing in buildings. Students who cannot or do not want to travel back to Stillwater to retrieve their belongings at this time can request an extension that will be granted and then work with Housing and Residential Life to schedule a time in the future. If a student is returning to their same room next year, they do not need to move their belongings out. OSU will provide a pro-rated refund for housing.

Commencement: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Oklahoma State University’s May commencement ceremonies will be held in Stillwater on Dec. 11-12. An online RSVP will be sent to the May graduating class. For those unable to participate in the December events, the committee is exploring options to recognize them online or at other future ceremonies.

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.

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.

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 May 20)

Employees: With the fall 2020 goal in mind, the first phase of OU’s reopening begins Monday, May 11, when operations staff will return to OU’s Norman campus to start readying for the fall. Some research faculty will be allowed to return to campus “shortly thereafter” if they require physical access to campus facilities. The university will be doing health screenings on all employees returning to campus and may test some. The first phase will be “a pilot program” used to help determine what the next few reopening phases will look like. OU is still encouraging telecommuting where possible and supervisors will be communicating work plans with their employees or individual departments as the university begins phasing back to campus. All employees who do not perform in-person essential services on campus are directed to telecommute to the extent their duties can be performed remotely. Supervisors can direct employees to perform duties outside of employees’ normal responsibilities that are related to their work and can be done remotely, including training or cross-training for other departmental duties. All employees who do perform in-
person essential services are expected to continue working on campus and should check with their supervisors about their schedule. Essential services are functions and duties that should be done on campus and should not be deferred during a public health emergency; these duties should be performed continuously or resumed quickly following a disruption. Administrative Leave with pay (Admin Leave COVID-19) will continue through June 30 (the end of the fiscal year), with the understanding that employees will be phasing back to campus and will be expected to return to in-person work on the date communicated by their supervisor. Supervisors will provide work plans specific to each department, outlining continued telecommuting and workplace modifications for increased safety.

Students: OU Norman - classes will remain online for the remainder of the semester. OUHSC - students enrolled in HSC programs have received direct communications from their colleges about online instruction and modifications to clinical and community-based instruction. OU Tulsa - Norman-based programs will remain online for the remainder of the semester, HSC programs will receive direct communications from their colleges regarding both classes and clinical rotations. The counseling center will remain open during the semester and can provide services by phone or Zoom. OU is currently working on a pass/no-pass grade option to help adapt to the current, extraordinary circumstances with details forthcoming. OU is activating an emergency financial assistance program to help students who are being presented with unique financial challenges at this time. OU requests that all OU researchers prepare for an orderly ramp down of all nonessential on-campus research by close of business Tuesday, March 24. Effective 5 p.m. this Tuesday, March 24 and until further notice, all OU research and creative activity requiring individuals to work on campus, in university-owned facilities, or in the field will be suspended, with rare exceptions as to perform essential research functions as defined on the website. All in-person events on all three campuses are suspended through at least July 31. This restriction includes events that are not University-sponsored as well, including conferences, campus, symposia, and social gatherings. This does not preclude small internal meetings, where social distancing should be practiced. The OU Athletics Department has suspended all athletics competitions, as well as all out-of-season practices and workouts, until further notice.

Housing: On-campus residential housing at the Norman campus will be closed for the summer until August 1. This does not apply to Kraettli and Traditions apartments. Only students with extenuating circumstances are permitted to request exemptions from moving out. Students that left housing for Spring Break were directed no return to campus until scheduling a move out date to occur no earlier than 14 days after Spring Break (April 6) with the purpose of adhering to CDC recommendations in regard to social distancing and space occupancy. This time has been extended to the end of April/early May in accordance with the stay-at-home order issued by the Mayor of Norman and Governor of Oklahoma. Move-out protocols are in place to mitigate risk. OU HSC Housing residents at the University Village Apartments are permitted to remain in their housing locations without interruption. Move-out protocols are in place to mitigate risk including: a) systematic timeframes for students to sign-up that limits amount of people per floor and during opposite times nearest floor mates; b) key drop in lockboxes to minimize staff contact; c) hourly sanitizing of elevators and targeted cleaning of high traffic areas; d) limiting number of student guests in the buildings. OU is providing appropriate pro-rated refunds for those students with housing and food service contracts, with details to follow.

Commencement: OU will offer graduating seniors a virtual commencement ceremony on May 8 and in-person ceremonies on August 8-9. The school’s virtual ceremony will be at 7 p.m. on May 8. The names of graduates will be announced as their photos and degrees are displayed online. Participants are encouraged to wear their caps and gowns and accessories for their photo submissions. All May 2020 graduation candidates, whether they participate in the virtual ceremony or not, may attend the rescheduled in-person ceremonies on August 8-9 in the Lloyd Noble Center.

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 University-related air travel, domestic and international, has been suspended.

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.

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 May 21)

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. University offices will reopen on Monday, May 4, but in most cases, campus facilities will remain closed to the public. There are three exceptions to the exclusion of the public from campus buildings. These are: The McMahan Centennial Complex (The InAsMuch Gallery, OneStop, and the university bookstore will be open and accessible from the east building entry), The Shepler Center (The Welcome Center, computer lab, Wichita Room, and office suite on the first floor will remain open and accessible from the east building entry. There is no public access to North Shepler or South Shepler towers via elevators or stairwells), and CU-Duncan (the north hallway, including the Student Center and classrooms 124 and 127, will remain open and accessible through the north entry. The Cameron University community garden is also open to public use. There is no public access to the lobby area, offices, or classrooms beyond the second set of entry doors). 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.

Students: Cameron will convert spring 2020 academic instruction to hybrid or alternative environments beginning March 23 through the remainder of the spring 2020 semester. University offices will reopen on Monday, May 4, but in most cases, campus facilities will remain closed to the public. There are three exceptions to the exclusion of the public from campus buildings. These are: The McMahan Centennial Complex (The InAsMuch Gallery, OneStop, and the university bookstore will be open and accessible from the east building entry), The Shepler Center (The Welcome Center, computer lab, Wichita Room, and office suite on the first floor will remain open and accessible from the east building entry. There is no public access to North Shepler or South Shepler towers via elevators or stairwells), and CU-Duncan (the north hallway, including the Student Center and classrooms 124 and 127, will remain open and accessible through the north entry. The Cameron University community garden is also open to public use. There is no public access to the lobby area, offices, or classrooms beyond the second set of entry doors). For students about to graduate, CU will make every effort to assure the opportunity to graduate in a timely manner while meeting all required academic objectives. 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. The Office of Events Management is not accepting rentals for campus facilities before July 5, and apologizes for any inconvenience to event hosts as the university continues to maintain the safety and high standard of quality of its rental spaces. As a continued precaution for the health and safety of our campus community, CU non-instructional events and activities inside buildings on the Lawton and Duncan campuses are cancelled or postponed through Sunday, July 5, 2020. Cameron University will not host face-to-face residential or day camps during the months of May, June, or July.

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
Beginning May 14, 2020, grants will be disbursed via the university’s partner, BankMobile, on a weekly basis to eligible students. To receive grants, students must submit an application certifying they meet all eligibility requirements. The application is available online. Eligibility criteria include being a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen, being enrolled in a 100 percent online program, and having a valid Social Security number. Concurrently enrolled high school students, CU employee tuition waiver program participants, and students with a declared major in a 100 percent online program are also eligible. Grant amounts for students meeting these 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.

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 May 14)**

Employees: ECU Phase One (limited personnel) May 18-May 29: We will continue to operate with essential personnel and some limited personnel on campus as we have since closing campus in mid-March. Supervisors will notify personnel who are to continue or may start working on campus. All other employees continue remote/telework. Phase Two June 1-June 12: Office should open as normal except without the presence of the public. All employees should be on-campus for their scheduled 40 hours a week unless approved by the Director, Vice President, and Employment Services. Phase Three June 15-Forward: All employees return for their scheduled 40 hours a week unless approved by the Director, Vice President, and Employment Services. Campus is open to the public. Work travel may resume with approval of department Vice President. Employees should follow the Employee Work and Hygiene Protocols outline on the Return to Campus Plan. Campus remains closed to the public in Phases 1 and 2 and no communal areas will be open in Phases 1 and 2.

Students: Students will begin internet-based coursework on the 30th and courses will remain virtual/online for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester. Students with clinical or field experiences should check with their faculty supervisors. Tutoring is available online and advising will be conducted by phone and email, with advising for new students in-person on a limited basis, by appointment. Linscheid Library is available to a limited number of ECU students, faculty, and staff and you must show your ECU ID to be admitted. The library is closed to the public. All events of any size are rescheduled or postponed with dates to be determined. The University Center, including the Wellness Center, will not open until the CDC advises resuming normal operations. Students are being asked to not return to campus and have received a separate email. Following a three-phase plan, ECU will reopen campus to the public on June 15, with the ultimate goal of a return to in-person classes for students beginning August 17.

Housing: If students have no other housing option, they will remain in their respective halls or move into one or two residences. Services for students will be extremely limited at this time. All other students are encouraged to return to their family residences. ECU will provide a pro-rated refund for housing. Those living in University housing who traveled outside Oklahoma for Spring Break may not return to campus. This includes 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. ECU has implemented a virtual check-out process. Students schedule a time to be on-site to retrieve their belongings and leave the key in the room when they are finished. Custodial will then clean the site. ECU is prorating refunds for the housing and meal plans. At this time (April 21), residence halls remain closed with the exception of the few who are not able to find alternative housing through the summer. At this time, ECU plans to open the residence halls to students in August for the start of the fall semester. Food service will continue through lunch on May 8 and then close for the summer as is the regular practice.

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: Please contact the Academic Success Center at 580-559-5696, however, please note that services for students are extremely limited at this time while the campus is closed. To assist with enrollment, ECU is raising the financial hold limit to allow more students to enroll. The current hold is $500 and will be raised to $2,000 for the summer and fall 2020 semesters. Students will need to set up payment plans in order to pay the full amount owed before they may enroll in any subsequent semesters. ECU will resume the $500 financial hold going into the spring 2021 semester. Transcripts and diplomas are not released until all balances are paid in full.

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. Sidelined 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

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**Langston University (as of May 14)**

Employees: The University will continue its current teleworking and restricted campus access practices through May 29, 2020, unless extended. A safe return to campus plan is currently being developed and will be finalized in consultation with academic leadership and administrative representatives. All buildings on the Langston campus will be closed except for the Langston University Police Department as well as the Student Success Center for access to dining and a computer lab. Counseling and Health Services will be available both remotely and by appointment. All
other student services will operate via telework. 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. All employees, regardless of classification, are eligible for the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Beginning April 1, 2020, the provisions of FFCRW will be provided to all LU employees for COVID-19 related absences for illness, care of dependents who are ill, or care of dependents due to disruptions to childcare.

Students: Effective March 22 until further notice, Langston University will suspend all face-to-face instruction, at all locations, and will transition to fully online delivery through the end of the spring semester. All campuses will be closed to the public effective Monday, March 30, 2020 until further notice to support social distancing. 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. Dining on the Langston Campus will remain open in order to serve individuals approved to stay on campus. 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. Students should see the announcement regarding Spring 2020 Textbook Return Protocols for hours and more information.

Housing: Langston strongly encouraged students who left the campus for Spring Break not to return at this time. Students who returned were required to agree to enhanced health screening protocols by Student Health Services. Students are encouraged to move out and stay away from campus for their safety and well-being. Langston has arranged for consolidation of students remaining on campus into apartments to maximize social distancing and mitigate the use of communal areas. Students needing to live in on campus housing were required to provide their reasons and apply through a Request to Remain. No outside guests are authorized to visit any campus housing space while these mitigation protocols are in place. There was also an appeal process implemented for those who were denied their initial request to remain. Langston developed a schedule that students could sign up to move-out in order to maximize social distancing. They also implemented “Express Move-Out”, where students have little to no interaction with staff to move-out. For students who did not return after Spring Break, Langston has instructed them not to return. Residential Life and Housing Services has communicated with students and their families regarding their belongings. Students not traveling back to Langston to retrieve their belongings at this time can request an extension of their assigned room. Limited travel funding is available to assist students in returning home through a grant application to travel home due to COVID-19 and an application for funding can be found on the Langston COVID-19 website. Appropriate credit adjustments will be made on the accounts of students who do not return to campus housing or who move-out by April 3, 2020. These adjustments will account for housing, meal plan, and select fees. Tuition will not be discounted or refunded. Residents remaining in on-campus housing are to follow protocols currently in place regarding dining operations and meal pick-up, mandatory face masks in public, 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, potential transfer of housing location, and campus access pass. More information about these protocols are on the Langston website.

Commencement: In an effort to maximize social-distancing, all institutional events are canceled or postponed effective immediately and until further notice.

Travel: Langston University faculty, staff, and students may not travel to any region with a CDC Level 3 travel advisory for University business, or academic purposes. Travel to Level 3 restricted regions for personal reasons is strongly discouraged. Hosting incoming visitors from Level 3 restricted regions for personal purposes is strongly
discouraged. Hosting incoming visitors from Level 3 restricted regions for University-related purposes requires prior approval from the Office of the President for Academic Affairs prior to the visitor's arrival. As of today, Langston University has not implemented any restrictions on domestic travel related to COVID-19; however, LU strongly recommends that travelers avoid areas where the virus is reported to be spreading. There are currently no travel restrictions on domestic travel. Students who have traveled internationally since December 1, 2019 are requested and expected to visit the Health Services Clinic for a brief assessment. Faculty and/or staff who have traveled internationally since December 1, 2019 should contact their medical provider for an assessment.

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

Fall 2020: No updates at this time.

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 May 1)

Employees: NSU will extend the current telework/rotational work schedule through May 16. Our plan is to start resuming somewhat normal operations for staff who are teleworking or in a rotational schedule on Sunday, May 17, if this is a regular workday for you or Monday, May 18, for all other staff. Employees will be screened for COVID-19 symptoms each day. NSU’s Return-to-Campus Plan will include consideration for those 65 and older and vulnerable individuals.

Students: All courses have been moved online for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester. Students are not required to be on campus and NSU recommends that students stay at home and keep up with coursework. Students with practicum, internships, student teaching, or clinicals should contact their respective college dean for guidance. Academic Advising and other student services will be available through Zoom and in person. The RiverHawks Wellness Center (The Fit) will not open until at least May 25, provided we have enough staff to operate safely. There will be limits on how many people can be in the facility at one time. No decision has been made about when the pool can reopen. Computer Labs continue to be available for students between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. In addition, these labs will be open prior to finals week between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Saturday, May 2 and Sunday, May 3, in the following locations – Tahlequah – Webb Tower 307 and Broken Arrow – B&T 137. A WiFi hotspot covering the parking lot of the Webb Tower continues to be available. Students can access the internet in this location by connecting to the network labeled “NSU-ParkingLot.” The library on the Tahlequah and Broken Arrow campuses will close. Library staff will provide assistance to students via telework. The Bookstore will remain closed. The Underground in Tahlequah and Hawks Nest in BA will remain closed. The MIAA conference has suspended athletic competitions indefinitely and student athletes are encouraged to stay home if able. Additionally, the university has set up an online resource center for technology and online learning assistance. If you have questions or need assistance, please access the resource center website at service.nsuok.edu.
Housing: Northeastern closed their halls after Spring Break but allowed students who had stayed the whole break to remain. Only students who had a legitimate reason to be in the halls and had not traveled to a hot-spot for COVID-19 were allowed to return to the halls. These requests were reviewed by the Vice President for Student Affairs. Students may pick up items they need from their rooms by appointment only, but NSU will not begin scheduling times to fully move out until after the “stay-at-home” Executive Order is lifted. NSU will control move-out through strict guidelines and scheduling. The University Center will have limited access for grab and go meals for those students who are cleared to stay in housing. All computers labs, libraries, and the bookstore will be closed as NSU closes down as many buildings as possible for the next 21 days. NSU will provide a pro-rated refund for students who move out of residential housing at this time. Starting May 8, students will be allowed to return to campus by appointment to move out personal items from student housing. All move-out processes will follow appropriate protocols.

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: Any student, faculty, or staff member traveling out-of-state during Spring Break must inform the institution by completing a travel form. Travelers may have to complete an additional screening before returning to work (employees) or students who return to campus after Spring Break. All non-essential out-of-state student, faculty, or staff travel remains suspended. Only "essential" out-of-state travel on behalf of NSU will be considered for approval by your respective Vice President or President. Planned or approved in-state travel will continue without interruption at this time, however this is subject to change.

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. This means in-person classes will take place, and residence halls will be open. Certainly, we recognize there will be modifications to what fully operational means. First and foremost, we will focus on the health and safety of students, faculty, staff and the communities where our campuses are located. Each of our unique functions will follow appropriate CDC protocols and state regulations.

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.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University (as of May 14)

Employees: All coursework will be online from March 23 through the remainder of the spring 2020 semester. NWOSU encourages faculty, staff and students to stay at home if possible. Staff will implement telework practices beginning March 26, until further notice. NWOSU will maintain essential services such as, but not limited to, administration, physical plant, campus police, business office, registry office, financial aid office, human resources, housing, library and student services. Student employees should check with their direct supervisor for their work status. Those employees with chronic illnesses or compromised immunity should work with their department chair or
supervisor to create a solution. Offices that are currently open include: Business Office, Registry Office, Recruitment Office, Financial Aid Office, and the J.W. Martin Library.

Students: Northwestern Oklahoma State University will resume classes using alternative instructional delivery for the **remainder of the spring 2020 semester.** Students with clinical rotations, student teaching assignments, or internships are asked to please communicate with their adviser or faculty member to take the best course of action. Gatherings of ten or more people are discouraged. All in-person meetings and events with greater than ten attendees, on all campuses, are suspended until further notice. The GAC has suspended all spring sports for the remainder of the year. The J.W. Martin library is available to students who must remain on campus and the Academic Success Center is available by appointment only. Computer labs will be available for students to use during this time (please see the NWOSU website for location hours). Student Services office, on the Alva Campus, will also have a limited number of laptops that can be checked out for use overnight when computer labs are closed. The Woodward and Enid campuses will also have a limited number of laptops available that can be checked out for use overnight when computer labs are closed. The J.R. Holder Wellness Center will reopen on Monday, May 18 with adjusted hours and hygiene protocols. See NWOSU’s Coronavirus webpage for more information regarding the opening.

Housing: NWOSU strongly encouraged students to stay at home after Spring Break during the two-week alternative delivery method time period. The residence halls will remain open to those who are in need and the housing staff worked to post information about social distancing and maintaining proper hand washing hygiene. Food service implemented grab and go meals and adjusted meal times to ensure quality food service and adequate time for cleaning. NWOSU has made a bold effort to encourage students to check-out of campus housing facilities and go home for the remainder of the semester. Students are encouraged to call or email to set up an appointment to retrieve their belongings and check out of the campus housing facility. Appointments will be staggered to keep numbers in each building at a minimum. NWOSU has allowed students to do this over the remainder of the spring semester as to prevent many students from coming back to campus at once and NWOSU is not encouraging students to come back quickly to do this. Students are requested to contact Housing at (580-327-8418) to arrange times to pick up personal belongings. NWOSU will provide a pro-rated refund for those moving out of residential halls. The timeline for return to Residence Halls is still being discussed.

Commencement: NWOSU will conduct a virtual commencement ceremony on May 9 via Facebook, YouTube, Snapchat, Twitter, Instagram, and the university website, nwsou.edu. Because of the restrictions COVID-19 has placed on social gatherings, Northwestern will opt for a virtual ceremony to honor its graduates. Graduating students will have the ability to submit information and photos to participate in the virtual commencement ceremony and also have the option to walk in a commencement ceremony in December 2020.

Travel: All non-essential University-sponsored domestic air travel is suspended until further notice. All travel for University-related business or academic purposes is suspended until further notice, unless such travel is deemed essential to the University. Prior approval through the President’s office is required. Travel that has been previously approved is now under review. International travel for personal reasons is highly discouraged. New registrations for events such as conferences through June will be 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: We are eager to announce that our intention for the fall 2020 semester is to resume in-person instruction as scheduled. While we continue to prioritize the health and safety of every Ranger, we believe that students who have selected face-to-face or ITV courses should have the opportunity to complete their courses in those formats. Of course, these plans may be revised if new developments regarding COVID-19 require doing so.

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 May 18)**

Employees: OPSU has decided that the safest decision is to remain closed to the public until July 6. A detailed plan with a three-phased, tentative timeline is being developed about how and when to have employees return to campus before the July 6 opening. The plan will be shared with OPSU employees for input next week and will be made available to the public as quickly as possible. This delayed approach to reopening campus is still a fluid situation, and any timelines communicated are estimations and considered to be tentative. While the campus is closed, non-OPSU employees can only visit campus by invitation, and only if CDC, OSDH, and OMES health and safety guideline protocols can be followed. Remote work/telecommuting will continue for approved employees during this time. Employees who will be returning to work will be contacted by their supervisor to best develop a plan for their particular work assignments. Employees returning to work are encouraged to follow CDC, OSDH, and OMES guidelines and continue to practice social distancing, washing hands frequently, and avoid all gatherings of 10 or more people. Employees are further encouraged to avoid in-person meetings and group activities and to stay home if feeling sick or if exposed to someone who is sick. Mission-critical personnel will be on campus as appropriate and will be scheduled to minimize contact with others. All campus offices can be accessed virtually. If necessary, telecommunication and video conferencing can be arranged. OPSU is implementing a mandatory health screening for anyone on campus or who is returning to campus.

Students: Oklahoma Panhandle State University will be going virtual for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester. OPSU has decided that the safest decision is to remain closed to the public until July 6. All students are advised to remain away from campus as their individual circumstances allow. All OPSU offices will remain accessible virtually. Students who are completing internships for course credit should contact the course instructor for guidance. Student teaching by education interns will be suspended for the remainder of the spring semester, 2020. Classroom observations by education students will be suspended during the spring semester, 2020. OPSU campus counselor, Rene Ramon, will be available for virtual counseling appointments (580) 651-3302. All University and community events are postponed at this time. Effective immediately, the Sooner Athletic Conference has suspended indefinitely all practices and competitions for athletics programs of its 11 member institutions. OPSU will receive funds to help students with financial assistance in the form of grants through the Panhandle State CARES Account. OPSU is currently in the process of organizing the Panhandle State CARES Account. For more information, please contact the Financial Aid office at (580) 349-1580 or financial.aid@opsu.edu.

Housing: Students are actively encouraged to move their belongings and remain off-campus. OPSU has set a date of April 12 to move all students off of campus. Students are required to schedule their checkout to limit exposure and keep gatherings below the CDC recommended thresholds. Students who must stay on campus because they have no alternatives will be moved to housing facilities that allow for proper social distancing and self-isolation, who live on campus must make arrangements to remove their belongings and check out and practice social distancing at this time. All students are required to contact the housing office upon return to the OPSU campus and must be screened for symptoms by the school nurse or the statewide hotline. OPSU will assist all students who must remain on campus because they have no other option for housing. OPSU will continue to provide all students who are not able to leave campus with grab and go meals at the University cafeteria and will continue to look for ways that make their stay on
campus during these unprecedented times as comfortable as possible. Room, board, and applicable fees will be refunded to students on a prorated basis as appropriate.

Commencement: OPSU is postponing graduation. OPSU fully intends to hold a commencement program for its 2020 graduates when it is deemed safe.

Travel: All university-sponsored out-of-state travel is suspended indefinitely.

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: Please visit www.opsu.edu/Offices/Admissions/Enrollment for information on summer enrollment.

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.

Rogers State University (as of May 15)

Employees: In response to Governor Stitt’s “Open Up and Recover Safely” Plan, Rogers State University will begin the process of returning employees to on-site work at each of our campuses. Staff and faculty may voluntarily return to work on site beginning Monday, May 11. Staff will return to work on site on Monday, May 18. All RSU campuses will remain closed to the public except by appointment. University services will continue to be conducted through phone or video conferencing. Social distancing practices will remain in place. Employees should notify their supervisor in advance of Monday, May 11, of their intent to return or telecommute. 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 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: Effective Monday, March 30, and for the **remainder of the spring 2020 semester** Rogers State University will deliver all courses electronically. Students are strongly encouraged to remain off campus, if possible, and are instructed to conduct university business remotely by phone or email. Effective immediately, all university-sponsored events are cancelled through May 31. Exterior doors to all buildings will remain locked throughout the day. Guests wishing to visit one of RSU’s campuses for any reason must call the campus prior to the visit and follow all issued guidelines. All students will continue to have access to the university food pantry.

Housing: RSU is currently in the process of moving students off campus by March 31, unless they apply and qualify for an exception to stay on campus. Students were allowed to return and retrieve their belongings. Students were instructed by text to complete a COVID-19 online screening tool to ensure it was safe for them and others to return to campus. RSU has emailed residents several guidelines from the CDC. Only students whose academic success would be hindered by being forced off campus are being allowed to stay. Even then, these students are having to pass online health screenings and sign agreements to adhere to social distancing best practices and will be moved to ensure only one resident per housing unit. RSU is requiring students to set up a move-out appointment before coming to campus to allow RSU to control the number of people in the common space of each building to comply with social distancing. RSU will provide a pro-rated refund to students who leave housing at this time. Student housing in University Village A, University Village B, and University Village C will be closed for the summer semester. All students currently living in student housing or storing personal belongings in student housing must complete the move-out process by May 15, 2020.

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.

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.

Southeastern Oklahoma State University (as of May 8)

Employees: On April 22, Governor Stitt announced “Open Up and Recover Safely: A Three-phase Approach to Open Oklahoma’s Economy.” Consistent with the announcement, Southeastern is working on a back-to-campus plan for employees. Southeastern will continue teleworking as previously announced and implement the back-to-campus work plan during the next two months. Be sure to regularly contact your immediate supervisor regarding your work schedule and other questions. University buildings and facilities will remain closed for all events through June 30, 2020.

Students: Southeastern Oklahoma State University is moving to fully online course delivery for the remainder of spring semester 2020. The Student Union will close March 25 at 7 p.m. and remain closed until further notice. To comply with the Governor’s directive, campus buildings will remain locked and access is limited to individuals who perform essential duties as identified by the immediate supervisor. The GAC has suspended all spring sports for the remainder of the year. All large public gatherings will be suspended during the same period. All events on campus, either University-related or held by external groups, are suspended. Southeastern is assessing ways to help students who may need technology assistance as courses are transitioned to online. Starting April 1, 2020 and for the remainder of Spring Semester 2020, SE will waive the Student Account Late Fees. Starting on April 1, 2020 and for the remainder of Spring Semester 2020, SE will waive the Payment Plan Setup Fee. During the pre-enrollment period for Summer Semester 2020 and Fall Semester 2020, SE will raise the Current Balance Enrollment Override from $500 to $2,000. SE made a recent change in the out-of-state tuition policy. Under this new policy, all out-of-state students, both undergraduate and graduate, will receive a 100% out-of-state non-resident tuition waiver automatically (no application is required) each semester (Fall, Spring, or Summer) while eligible to enroll at SE. University buildings and facilities will remain closed for all events through June 30, 2020.

Housing: Through March 25, 2020, Southeastern recommended that students leave campus and had students scheduled to check out March 26 and 27. Following the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Bryan County on March 25 and the “shelter-in-place” directive, SEOSU started recommending that students not return to campus to check out, leave their belongings, and check out at a date to be determined by the University and student. Check-out procedures will follow social distancing, the use of gloves and sanitizer, students being required to handle their own personal belongings and no direct contact with staff, closed public restrooms in halls, limited “visitors” to only those assisting the students with move out, and shifting custodial care to repeatedly sanitize frequently touched spaces and empty trash. Southeastern will be able to offer a partial refund to students who moved out of the Residence Halls and stopped using their meal plan prior to April 1, 2020. With limited exceptions, students who moved out by this date will receive a 25% room and board refund. It is important to note that some students may not be eligible for this refund, especially if the costs of room and/or board were defrayed by scholarships or paid for by the University. For these situations, refunds will be credited back to the awarding department and not to the student’s account.

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: All travel for University-related business or academic purposes is suspended unless such travel is deemed absolutely critical to the University and pre-approved by the pertinent Vice President or other Executive Officer, and the President.

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. During the intervening months, we will work proactively to identify protocols and processes to feasibly mitigate risk.

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 May 20)

Employees: We will proceed to gradually reopen our campuses up over the summer months. For now, we are still practicing limited personal contact by limiting access to buildings on campus. However, we have staff and personnel who are ready and willing to help you with any issues that you may encounter. Please see our website for a directory of assistance to contact us by phone or email. SWOSU will implement a Temporary Telework Plan. This plan will be in effect only as long as necessary to respond to the challenges caused by COVID-19. Directors, in consultation with their respective Vice President or other member of the Executive Council, will make arrangements so that those employees who can perform their work at home can do so as long as such action does not compromise the operations of the institution. For those employees who have job functions that cannot be performed at home, supervisors will develop individualized plans to adhere to creating flexible and asynchronous work schedules, social distancing, and minimizing multi-person meetings. SWOSU employees should be aware that there have been several reports of fraudulent unemployment across out state. In some cases, applications for OESC benefits have been fraudulently made using state employees’ names or social security numbers. This is not a breach of information that involves our institution. If you suspect unemployment fraud, please contact SWOSU Human Resources. In regard to the status of SWOSU student workers, we continue our guidelines that students are not allowed to work until June 1. Some departments may be provided exceptions for student employment in May, and we are working with them to enable the best way to proceed in a way that protects the health of these workers. As we gradually reopen campus, we will provide departments with guidance on employing student workers.
Students: Southwestern Oklahoma State University is moving to fully virtual course delivery for the remainder of spring semester 2020. We will proceed to gradually reopen our campuses up over the summer months. For now, we are still practicing limited personal contact by limiting access to buildings on campus. However, we have staff and personnel who are ready and willing to help you with any issues that you may encounter. Please see our website for a directory of assistance to contact us by phone or email. Food service will be available at the Grill in the Student Union, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m.-6 p.m. with “grab-and-go” meals. The convenience store in Mann Hall will be open Monday through Friday from 4-9 p.m. All events on campus, either University-related or held by external groups, are suspended. The Al Harris Library on the Weatherford Campus and McMahan Library on the Sayre campus are closed until further notice. Computer labs are available for students in the following locations: SWOSU Weatherford – Stafford 128 will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. For students who need lab time between 5-9 p.m., please call Karen Klein at (580) 330-0008 and arrangements will be made to open the lab. SWOSU Sayre – two computer labs are open for student use only. The labs will be open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The labs are Alexander 119 and Mackey Hall 111. Gloves will be available in each lab and extensive disinfecting practices have been implemented. The Alma Mater Merc campus bookstore/C-store is currently setting up a temporary location during the renovation of the current bookstore. The Alma Mater Merc will have the summer textbook list available by May 1. SWOSU will make an announcement in the near future about grants that will be given to students related to the disruption of their education due to the coronavirus outbreak. SWOSU will not host camps during the months of May and June. An announcement regarding the status of summer camps scheduled for the month of July will be made by May 22.

Housing: SWOSU encourages all students who live in residential housing to vacate campus at this time, however, remains committed to assisting those students who have no housing alternatives. SWOSU is having students make timed appointments for move-out so that there are not a lot of people gathering at the same time. Students who officially move out of their on-campus residence hall assignment will receive a prorated refund.

Commencement: Since May graduation was postponed, the university has made the decision to hold live ceremonies on Saturday, December 12, at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center in Weatherford. More details will be announced later. Graduation regalia is still available for in-person pickup at the University Market or for shipment.

Travel: All institutional travel to out-of-state events, conferences and other events will not be allowed from now through June 30. We will provide an updated status on travel after June 30 by late May.

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.

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 May 1)

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 University of Central Oklahoma will transition to alternative instructional delivery methods from March 28 through the end of the spring semester. To continue to protect you – our students, faculty and staff – we will extend the closure of our physical campus through May 31, 2020. Many university services will continue to be available by alternative methods. The Chambers Library will close to visitors; however, the library resources are available and staff remain available to assist online. Campus dining is confined to the Ayers Kitchen with to-go options only. The MIAA Conference will suspend all spring sports for the remainder of the year. All university-related events of any size for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester have been canceled. The Office of Information Technology has ordered a limited number of laptops, hotspots, webcams and headsets to support continued learning and telework during the alternative instructional delivery time frame. To request a device for checkout, please complete the technology equipment request form online.

Housing: UCO is requiring students to vacate housing facilities with community bathrooms. Any remaining students are being moved into apartments or hotel style rooms that eliminate social contact with others. They are leaving facilities with private bathrooms (such as their apartments) open. UCO has eliminated social gatherings, closed lobbies, set up quarantine rooms, made dining centers carry-out, provided hand sanitizer in hallways, and increased cleaning of facilities. UCO is having students fill out a form to cancel their contracts and get a refund. In this form, UCO will have students sign up for a time to get their belongings. They will actively manage this process to ensure there are not too many people back at once.

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: Currently, UCO is restricting travel to any area with a CDC Level 3 or above travel warning. Students, faculty and staff involved in affected university-sponsored study tours/programs have been contacted directly regarding university protocol. Travel is restricted to any area with a CDC Level 3 or above travel warning for individual faculty/staff and group travel. Community members are advised to avoid traveling to areas where the virus is reported to be spreading during spring break.

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

Fall 2020: Academic advisement will continue either online or by telephone. Students can schedule appointments by emailing advisement@uco.edu. Please include your name, ID number, major, phone number, and availability in the message. After careful deliberation, it is UCO’s intention to resume face-to-face classes and activities on campus this fall. We are currently working to identify and implement proper safety protocols in anticipation of our return. As we approach the beginning of the fall semester in August, we will communicate with you further about these protocols. Our return to campus will be dependent upon guidance established by local, state, and federal entities.

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.

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**Public Liberal Arts University Tier**

**University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (as of May 15)**

Employees: Due to the COVID-19 executive order signed by Governor Stitt, the USAO campus will be closed to public access beginning at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 25. Workers supporting colleges and universities for purposes of distance learning and provision of school meals are considered critical infrastructure sectors. At USAO, this includes security, housing, food services, custodial and information technology staff. All other employees are to begin teleworking. Although we are closed to the public, we will continue to operate virtually to accommodate our students. Everyone at the director-level or above must be contactable to meet the needs of your area. Staff need to seek guidance from their supervisor regarding their duties. All buildings will be secured. Faculty who need to access their office or other campus facilities for the purpose of distance learning need to inform Mike Coponiti (mcaponiti@usao.edu) so he can ensure that custodial staff clean and disinfect the areas used. Faculty will have access to workspaces on campus as needed for distance learning purposes. Essential staff will serve as frontline providers for students. All others will
continue to telecommute and make irregular visits to campus when necessary. All buildings and office spaces are being regularly sanitized to best promote the health and safety of all personnel.

Students: Beginning March 23, 2020 all classes will move to online and remote instruction for the **remainder of the spring semester**. Students need to check Canvas AND their email for guidance from their professors. The USAO campus will be closed to public access beginning at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 25. There will be limited access to computer labs. The 24/7 lab in Nash Library will be accessible 24/7. Students must use their student ID to enter the doors on the south side of the building. The following labs will be open from 8 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday-Friday. To access one of these labs, contact Security at 405-222-8066.

- Austin Hall, Room 201-Chemistry Lab: Only open for chemistry majors
- Austin Hall, Room 212-Physics Lab: Only open for physics majors
- Canning Hall, Room 204-ASL Lab: Only open for deaf ed majors
- Davis Hall, Room 247-Music and Foreign Language Lab: Only open for music or foreign languages majors
- Gary Hall, Room 214-Education Lab: Only open for education and speech-language pathology majors
- PE Building, Room 116-Physical Ed Lab: Only open for physical ed majors

All other computer labs on campus will be closed. On-campus dining services will be operating on a highly modified schedule and with only to-go options. All campus gatherings and other events are canceled through August 5. All support services are available virtually.

Housing: All students in residential halls are encouraged to return home if they are able. There is an express checkout option to minimize personal interaction. Students who are checking out can utilize an express check out process to limit the amount of personal contact. Students are asked to notify housing when they plan to be on campus to remove their items so that housing staff can monitor the number of people in the halls at any given time. USAO is allowing exceptions for those who have no other primary residence or are unable to return home to remain on campus. They are required to complete a form to request to stay on campus and may also be required to relocate rooms/apartments to allow for social distancing. Please email housing@usao.edu to let staff know you are coming. Refunds or credits for Room and Board will be calculated from the date of proper checkout as of March 22, 2020 or later. It will be calculated at a per day rate. If a student receives a room and/or board scholarship the scholarship amount will be deducted and refund/credit will be calculated at that point. For additional information, contact the Business Office.

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. It will also have all the features of USAO’s traditional ceremony, including an address to the class from President Feaver, the presentation of the Outstanding Graduate Awards for each of the university’s four academic divisions, recognition of the participants in the Mentored Research Program, and the presentation of the Alumni Association’s Distinguished Graduate Award. For more information on this term’s graduates, visit usao.edu/news.

Travel: Currently, all university-sponsored travel is cancelled from March 16-May 9, 2020. Faculty, staff and students are asked to self-report planned spring break travel via an online form on USAO’s website before leaving for the break. Individuals asked to self-quarantine will be contacted regarding further arrangements for working remotely or housing.

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.

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 through Herring Bank (if you have 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 ksanders@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 May 4)

Employees: For both campuses, Carl Albert’s telecommuting protocol has been extended for an additional two weeks, through May 15th, with possible exceptions based on departmental needs and supervisory guidance. Offices and buildings will remain closed to the general public. Business will operate as normal in a distance-learning/operations format. 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.

Students: Effective immediately, all Carl Albert instruction, for the remainder of the semester, will be conducted in a distance learning format. In light of the Governor’s recent statements, and with the data showing positive COVID-19 cases on the rise in the state, Carl Albert has made the decision to effectively close each building on campus to students and the general public. Campus buildings are now closed, but business is operating as usual in a distance-learning/operations format. Computer labs are now closed. Appointments will no longer be made on campus. All correspondence must be done via phone, email, or regular mail. Campus police will regularly patrol both campuses. On both campuses (Poteau and Sallisaw), Wi-Fi services will be available in the parking lots. CASC invites you to visit the campus on remain in your vehicle, and utilize the Wi-Fi services to complete assignments and conduct correspondence. Should any student feel they need to be evaluated by a physician, please contact the Office of Student Affairs. Carl Albert works closely with the Health and Wellness Center, and the Center has agreed to evaluate students virtually should the need arise. 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. All campus events are hereby cancelled for the remainder of the semester.

Housing: Campus housing was officially suspended the Saturday before students were set to return after Spring Break. Students were only allowed to return to the residence halls to retrieve their personal belongings. Based on Oklahoma State Department of Health recommendations, CASC Residential Life developed a grid removal procedure for residential check out. The outside entry dorms were staggered in the check-out process to accommodate social distancing to assist in reducing person-to-person contact. Check-out times were scheduled every three hours while no more than 10 students (+1 guest) were allowed at any staggered dorm area, at any time. Residential staff set-up outside; sanitizing stations were utilized; and only essential physical items including keys and check-out paperwork were collected. All students removed personal belongings by the end of business on Friday, March 27. Partial refunds will be provided to qualified housing students.

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

Travel: All out-of-state travel is suspended unless absolutely essential, and only with the President's approval. There are no restrictions on in-state travel, but in-state travel will be monitored. Those who have traveled over Spring Break to any area where Coronavirus is present will be required to self-quarantine for 14 days upon return, not utilizing on-campus resources, but self-isolating at home.

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: Students will find special instructions for enrolling during the COVID-19 restriction period on the website. The page can be visited by going to https://www.carlalbert.edu/enrollment/. Enrollment advisers are also available via phone and email.

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.

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Connors State College (as of May 21)

Employees: Connors State College will transition all face-to-face courses to a distance learning format for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester. All College building on the Muskogee and Warner campuses are closed to the general public until further notice. Students who work on campus should contact their supervisor to discuss work schedules.
Students: Connors State College will transition all face-to-face courses to a distance learning format for the **remainder of the spring 2020 semester**. All College building on the Muskogee and Warner campuses are closed to the general public until further notice. All College-related events scheduled for the spring 2020 semester have been canceled.

Housing: Students have been provided with clear instructions regarding move-out procedures that are in alignment with guidance from the CDC. Students will pick a time slot for moving out and will be allowed to have up to two other individuals assist them in the process. All students and their helpers will be screened before being allowed on campus. Once the student has retrieved their belongings, they will check out of on-campus housing by sending a picture of their room to staff. Students with special circumstances who are approved to remain on campus may be asked to relocate to another location. CSC expects all students that are currently residing in residential housing to vacate campus by April 3, 2020 with the intent to have all students out of residential housing by noon on April 10, 2020. An appointment will be required to move out and more specific information concerning move-out will be emailed directly to the student’s Connors email. CSC remains committed to assisting students who face extreme hardship because of this decision. To schedule an appointment, please follow the link posted on the CSC COVID-19 website.

Commencement: Commencement has been postponed.

Travel: Effective immediately, all non-essential college-sponsored domestic air travel is suspended until further notice. Effective immediately, all out-of-state travel for college business or academic purposes is suspended until further notice, unless such travel is essential to the College. There are no current restrictions on in-state college travel.

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

Fall 2020: Your academic adviser is available virtually to support and assist you. To “meet” with your adviser or schedule an appointment, please follow the links on the CSC web page. Your adviser is a resource and will be available for enrollment, academics, or any other questions you may have.

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.

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**Eastern Oklahoma State College (as of April 27)**

Employees: Eastern will implement a remote work format for employees. This plan will be in effect as long as necessary to respond to challenges of COVID-19. Remote operation does not apply to all positions and job functions. In consultation with supervisors, employees will perform their work from home as long as remote work does not compromise college operations. For employees who have job functions that cannot be performed at home, supervisors will work with employees to develop individualized plans. Supervisors should contact their employees to develop plans, assess needs, and arrange for additional training and equipment as needed. Please note that in general, individuals are expected to be available during normal hours, regardless of location. Effective immediately, Eastern is restricting access of the general public to all buildings in all locations.
Students: Eastern will move to an all online course delivery for the **remainder of the spring 2020 semester**. Effective immediately, Eastern has restricted access of the general public to all campus buildings in all locations. For students with limited access to a computer or internet service, Eastern is working on plans to provide access to either computer labs or WiFi services at all teaching sites. Please consult EOSC’s COVID-19 website for information regarding library times. The Office of Student Services will continue to help students during this transition time, with appointments encouraged. All college-sponsored events and activities are suspended until further notice. This includes Commencement and Nurse Pinning Ceremonies, athletics, and events hosted by outside organizations on Eastern’s campus.

Housing: Eastern strongly encourages all residential housing students NOT to return to campus housing this semester. This includes students in Miller Hall, Johnson Hall, Choctaw Hall and Regents Court. Instructions for Move-Out beginning Monday, March 30 can be found on the EOSC website. Students must make an appointment with the Office of Student Services before arriving on campus to move out (housing@eosc.edu). EOSC will consider limited exceptions to allow students to remain on campus. However, to remain, students must receive approval from the Office of Student Services. The students that will remain on campus until the end of the semester will be moved into EOSC student housing that has independent bathrooms to each bedroom to allow for more isolation while on campus. In these instances, students may be required to relocated into a different living space. Students are asked to email housing@eosc.edu if they are unable to return home and need to stay on campus. EOSC will provide a pro-rated refund for students moving out of residence halls at this time.

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: 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. The study abroad program between Eastern and College 360 in Silkeborg, Denmark, has been canceled this year.

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: 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.

Community Support: No updates at this time.

CARES Act: No updates at this time.

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 May 21)

Employees: Starting the week of May 4, facilities staff including maintenance and custodial personnel will return following enforced social distancing protocols. Employees who need special accommodations including vulnerable or immunocompromised, 65 years and older and/or those with school-aged children at home should visit with their supervisors. Do not return to work if you are sick, running a fever, coughing, etc. Retail stores will be available to serve students and book buyback in preparation for opening to the public. In addition, some nursing faculty and students will be on campus in the Health Science Building to complete the semester. All other classes should continue as is, at a distance. MSC Campus will continue to remain closed to students and public during this time. Beginning May 18, all employees will be allowed to return to their respective work areas excluding the populations mentioned above. Social distancing protocols should be maintained. Proper sanitation measures and use of protective equipment when interacting with the public are recommended. Academic and Financial Aid advisors, along with tutors and testing-center staff should continue using teleconferencing/Zoom for contact with students. Beginning June 1, all employees will be allowed access to their work areas with no restriction of staff. We will plan to open the campus to students and the public during this period.

Students: Murray State will move to all online course delivery for the remainder of spring semester 2020. MSC plans to open the campus to students and the public during phase 3 of reopening, beginning June 1. Due to the college response to COVID-19, all services are going online until further notice, including the library and Student Success Center. The MSC Fitness Center will remain closed until further notice. Spring sports competitions and practices have been canceled in light of recommendations by NJCAA. All events either college related or initiated by external groups, are suspended until further notice.

Housing: MSC strongly encourages all students who live in residential housing to vacate campus with move-out dates and times scheduled through the Housing Office. A scheduled time must be set with the Housing Office so that no more than nine are allowed in at a time. Students who do not have access to internet or have other extenuating circumstances are allowed to stay by contacting Housing. Food service has changed to grab-and-go service to accommodate students who have returned as well as for those that will be staying until May.

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: MSC’s Coronavirus Response website contains distance enrollment guides for new and returning students. The MSC Advisement Office is accepting enrollment appointments via Zoom or phone for all students. The guides on MSC’s website also contain a link for scheduling enrollment appointments. Enrollment begins Monday, April 6 for current students and Monday, April 13 for new students.
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 May 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 all

Students: Effective March 30, courses originally delivered face-to-face or hybrid will transition to an online format, as previously announced, and will continue through the end of the semester. 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.

Housing: The limited number of students currently residing in the resident halls have been informed they need to leave campus by April 1. Students currently living on campus will check out individually and the areas will be sanitized after their departure. Students who were living in the residential halls and have not returned from the break have been notified to make schedule appointments, limiting the access to buildings to less than ten people at a time with no more than one student per floor allowed at one time.

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. While the sessions beginning in June will transition online, a decision regarding July 4-week sessions will be made in June based on guidance from federal, state, and local officials.

Fall 2020: Visit NEO A&M’s Enrollment website for more information. As the fall semester approaches, campus leadership will refine decisions regarding class sizes, hybrid learning, student housing, and methods of health monitoring based on the development of COVID-19.

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 May 20)

Employees: Most employees will conclude teleworking and return to campus on June 1 following social distancing and CDC guidelines. This plan aligns with phase three of the state’s reopening date for all workplaces while also considering the needs of vulnerable populations. NOC locations will continue to be closed to the public through June 30, but can be accessed by appointment with NOC employees if necessary. All NOC campuses will observe summer hours of operation working Monday through Thursday from May 11 through July 30, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Normal office hours will resume August 3. Beginning July 1, faculty teaching summer school will return to work on campus for advisement. Effective immediately, all individuals on NOC property and facilities are required to wear cloth face coverings in public areas or work centers. The rule is extended to all NOC employees, students, contractors and other people on NOC property with the exception of employees who are in their offices alone with the door closed. Please see Employee Guidelines on NOC’s COVID-19 webpage.

Students: NOC instruction, for the remainder of the semester, will be conducted in a distance learning environment. Students and employees should regularly check their NOC email and Blackboard accounts for ongoing updates. Services required for student educational operations will still be available virtually or only when necessary by appointment on campus. Classroom instruction will transition to alternative delivery methods beginning March 30. Faculty will reach out through Blackboard to their students on the next steps. Limited library access will be available by appointment. The Wellness Center will be closed for the remainder of the semester. Campus parking lots have Wi-Fi hotspots and students are welcome to sign on there and maintain social distancing by remaining in their vehicle. Limited computer lab access will be available by appointment. All college-related events, both on-campus and off, scheduled to occur prior to June 30 are suspended unless otherwise approved on a case-by-case basis. NOC will evaluate adding events for July 1 and beyond at a later date. Effective immediately, all individuals on NOC property and facilities are required to wear cloth face coverings in public areas.

- Jets Athletic Awards Reception – NOC will mail certificates to student athletes honored for their achievements.
- Mavericks Athletic Awards Reception – NOC will mail certificates to student athletes honored for their achievements.
- Tonkawa Academic Awards Reception – NOC will mail certificates to Tonkawa students honored for their academic achievements. Additionally, those students will be recognized in the commencement program.
- Enid Academic Awards Reception – NOC will mail certificates to Enid students honored for their academic achievements. Additionally, those students will be recognized in the commencement program.
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

- Stillwater Academic Awards Reception – NOC will mail certificates to Stillwater students honored for their academic achievements. Additionally, those students will be recognized in the commencement program.
- Annual Student Art Exhibition 2020 – The 2020 Virtual NOC Student Art Exhibition highlights the work of graduate candidates along with works of other students enrolled in art, photography, and digital imaging classes during the 2019-2020 semester, or work centers. The rule is extended to all NOC employees, students, contractors and other people on NOC property.

Housing: NOC encouraged social distancing for those who returned to campus. Food service has limited hours of operation and only provides to-go meals, thus closing the dining hall areas and the student centers. NOC is encouraging social distancing and limiting persons to assist with move-outs. Students are encouraged to call or email to set up an appointment to retrieve their belongings and check out of the campus housing facility. Appointments have been staggered to keep the numbers in each space below the CDC requirements. NOC is allowing students to move throughout the remainder of the spring semester as to prevent many students from coming back to campus at once. They are working with students who have been quarantined or who have traveled long distances to come back to campus. NOC is not encouraging students to come back immediately to do this. For specific questions regarding housing, contact the Office of Student Affairs at 580-628-6240 (Tonkawa) or 580-548-2227 (Enid). NOC has increased cleaning efforts in their campus housing facilities to help prevent the spread of the virus. Partial refunds will be provided to qualified housing students.

Commencement: Commencement will be celebrated on August 8, 2020, through either a modified live ceremony or a virtual ceremony, dependent upon which best follows CDC guidelines of the time. NOC will mail students their gowns and mortar boards and encourage them to submit photographs of themselves in their regalia. These photos will be incorporated into a video celebration of our graduates that will be played either at the physical ceremony on August 8 or online if a virtual ceremony is necessary. All students will be mailed their diploma covers with their diplomas if a physical ceremony is not possible. For more information, please visit www.noc.edu/graduation. NOC Virtual Spirit Week, a social media campaign honoring our 2020 graduates, will be April 27 – May 1. Nurses Pinnings – students will be celebrated in a virtual ceremony. They will submit photographs of family members pinning them and will be given an opportunity to provide a video response to those they would like to thank for their contributions to their education. These videos will be compiled in our Information Technology Department so that the combine video can be posted online to recognize students.

Travel: Effective immediately, all NOC employees, students, and mission-critical campus visitors/vendors returning from domestic or international travel must complete a self-report form PRIOR to returning to campus, or to being assigned to on-campus College duties. Domestic travel includes any travel outside the state of Oklahoma. These reports can be found on the NOC website.

- Student Action and the Northern Oklahoma Student Government also are behind a 2020 Virtual NOC Student Art Exhibition highlights the work of graduate candidates along with works of other students enrolled in art, photography, and digital imaging classes during the 2019-2020 semester. The rule is extended to all NOC employees, students, contractors and other people on NOC property.

- Annual Student Art Exhibition 2020 – The 2020 Virtual NOC Student Art Exhibition highlights the work of graduate candidates along with works of other students enrolled in art, photography, and digital imaging classes during the 2019-2020 semester. The rule is extended to all NOC employees, students, contractors and other people on NOC property.
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 DeLisa Ging at delisa.ging@noc.edu or 580.478.5174.

Fall 2020: Northern Oklahoma College is planning to have in-person classes on all campus locations for the fall 2020 semester. NOC will also continue to offer both online and classes and virtual live courses for those students who prefer distance education options this fall. The campus leadership is working on a variety of plans to ensure the safety and well-being of our campus community remains the top priority. The college will have detailed plans on what classroom sizes, structures and class schedules will look like later this summer. Additionally, detailed plans on campus housing, activities and events will also be shared when finalized. Students are encouraged to enroll for the summer or fall semester by contacting their advisors or by contacting NOC Enrollment Management at (580) 628-6220 (Tonkawa), (580) 548-2275 (Enid), or (580) 628-6910 (Stillwater). All enrollment appointments are currently conducted by email, via Zoom, or over the phone (please leave a voicemail).

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 accounts are 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 May 8)

Employees: Consistent with orders from Governor Stitt and Mayor Holt, OCCC will close the campus at 5 p.m. on March 25, and remain closed until further notice. Though the campus will be closed, classes will remain online, employees will work remotely, if possible, and OCCC will have some important, essential operations continuing with limited on-campus staff, including: Payroll, security, maintenance, mail service, and the food pantry. All on-campus
OCCC classes will be moved online for the remainder of the spring semester. 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 employeehotline@occc.edu.

Students: Effective March 23, all on-campus OCCC classes will be moved online for the **remainder of the spring semester**. Existing online classes will continue as usual. Consistent with orders from Governor Stitt and Mayor Holt, OCCC will close campus at 5 p.m. on March 25, and remain closed until further notice. Though the physical campus will be closed, online classes and crucial operations will continue. OCCC has waived late fees and penalties for the remainder of the semester. OCCC will continue to accept payments via check, debit, or credit card. Students experiencing financial hardship can contact (405) 426-2173 for information about OCCC’s emergency loan program. The OCCC Food Pantry is stocked, staffed, and ready to serve students Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Students are asked to fill out a form if they need access to food supplies for their home and OCCC staff will deliver a food package to their car at a scheduled time. Effective 5 p.m., March 24, the Testing Center is closed and there will be no further on-campus testing until further notice. Students with questions concerning coursework testing should contact their professor, and students with questions about TEAS, TOEFL, HESI LPN-AND, CLEP and other non-coursework specific tests should call the Testing Center at (405) 682-7531. The Student Hotline will be staffed and ready to take any questions, comments or concerns you have. Please call (405) 686-6277, Monday-Saturday, 8 a.m.-11 p.m., or email anytime at studenthotline@occc.edu. For assistance with technology, please call Information Technology Services, Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-11 p.m. at (405) 682-7777. For assistance with Moodle, OCCC’s online class platform, please call (405) 682-7574. Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., or email anytime at online@occc.edu. Events and all public performances scheduled in the Visual and Performing Arts Center Theater are suspended from March 13- April 26.

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, call college-related travel is suspended, effective immediately. OCCC community members are encouraged to carefully consider planned travel during spring break.

Summer 2020 Courses: OCCC will continue with online-only classes through the summer session. Current and new student enrollment is now open. Please visit www.occc.edu/enroll for more information.

Fall 2020: Current and new student enrollment is now open. Please visit www.occc.edu/enroll for more information. Beginning fall 2020, OCCC will change the length of term for the majority of courses by moving from one 16-week semester to two 8-week terms. This change is designed to give students more flexibility. The change will allow students to enroll in two 8-week terms during the first half of the traditional 16-week semester and two more during the second half of the semester. Students will continue to be classified as full-time and will still qualify for financial aid. Students will be completing four classes, or 12 semester hours, in a single semester.

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.
Redlands Community College (as of May 12)

Employees: Redlands will be moving to online for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester. Redlands will also be moving all summer courses to online only. Effective Monday, March 30, campus is closed to the general public. Essential offices will be open Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and closed on Fridays until further notice, and a limited number of staff will be available by appointment only. Please call or email the individual or office to make an appointment.

Students: Redlands has moved to online courses for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester. Redlands will also be moving all summer courses to online only. RCC intends to keep campus offices open with limited staffing, but students are encouraged to communicate with personnel by phone or email. If that is not sufficient, they must make appointments to come to campus. Students will be able to access support services to ensure that they stay on track with their academic studies. Concurrent classes held at high schools will be moved to the online platform. Instructors will work with students virtually to make sure they have as little interruption as possible during this transition period. The computer lab in the Multimedia Center is available for student use, but social distancing is being enforced. It is accessible through doors on the northeast and northwest sides of the building. The Ray Porter Academic Complex is accessible through the Conference Center entrance but other buildings have limited or no access. After March 27, the Student Food Pantry will be closed until further notice. The Fitness Center is closed and fitness classes canceled until further notice. NJCAA has notified all colleges that all campus spring sports have been canceled for the remainder of the academic year. All campus activities and events are canceled. All activities and events held at RCC’s Darlington Learning Center, including the AG Interscholastic Contest, have been canceled as well. The Academic Center for Enhancement will be open for testing by appointment only (405-422-6274 or Testing.Center@redlandscc.edu).

Housing: Housing was closed effective 5 p.m. Friday, March 27. Those students who have not returned to campus following Spring Break must make an appointment with Tina Jacobs by email or by telephone at (405) 422-1454 before returning to collect their personal belongings. They have until May 4 to make those appointments. Students are limited to bringing one individual to help them move. The Business Office will process pro-rated refunds based on the student’s account status through the remainder of the spring semester for housing payments. Campus housing will remain closed through Summer 2020.

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. Travel for any reason to a CDC Level 3 country will require an individual to complete a 14-day self-quarantine upon return to the U.S. Students, faculty and staff are asked to self-report Spring Break travel before returning to campus by completing a travel form on RCC’s 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. The college awaits a directive from the NJCAA before making a determination on athletic programs.
Enrollment for the Fall and Summer semesters is open. Current students in good standing may be able to enroll using the online Enrollment Authorization form. New or returning students can also enroll by phone or make an appointment with an advisor. For more information or to enroll, please visit www.redlandscc.edu/enrollment-information. The Admissions and Advising office can be reached Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. by phone at (405) 422-1417 or email at Admissions@redlandscc.edu.

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 meet 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 May 5)

Employees: In accordance with actions taken at other colleges and universities in the state and following Governor Stitt’s announcement, Rose State College will maintain continuing operations of certain essential and mission critical functions with limited on-campus staff. Specifically, the following limited operations shall be maintained:

- The first-floor open space computer labs in the LRC will remain open to students who may not otherwise have access to needed technology. Hours of operation are as follows: Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m-6 p.m., Friday 8 a.m.–4 p.m., Saturday – closed, Sunday, 2-6 p.m. Social distancing will be required and no more than 10 students to utilize at a time.
- E.A.S.T. (Enrollment and Specialized Testing) located in the Student Services Building will remain open for Accuplacer placement, ACT Residual, CLEP, and DSST exams by appointment only. Social distancing will be required. Call 405-733-7320 to schedule.
- Housing will remain open for students in a limited capacity. Social distancing will be required.
- Information Technology Services, to maintain critical operations.
- Operations, to ensure the continued maintenance, cleanliness, and logistical function of the college.
- Payroll, to ensure that work-related pay is still processed.
- Accounts Payable, Purchasing, and Cashiers to ensure that the college fulfills its financial obligations. Bills can also be paid online.
- Security, to ensure the continued safety of the campus.
- Bookstore located in the Susan Loveless Center.
- EmPower Program will continue to operate.
Raider Necessities (Food Pantry) will operate on a reduced schedule, Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m, with curbside pick-up only. Please call 405-736-0285.

Division offices will have a limited staff and will continue to answer all questions via technology. However, the building will not be open.

The only buildings that will remain open are the Learning Resource Center, Bookstore in the Susan Loveless Building, Student Service Building (testing center only be appointment), Administration Building, and the EmPower program. Buildings and offices will be accessible to employees who need to come to campus. RSC will continue to operate “back-room” operations with limited employees present, and handle student, employee and public inquiries by email and phone.

Students: All instruction will be moved online for the remainder of the semester. Classes that were conducted face-to-face will resume via online delivery or alternative delivery beginning March 30. Students enrolled in Health Science programs and Science Labs will receive information from their professor. RSC will open the computer lab in the LRC, with precautions taken for appropriate social distancing and sanitation. Students can now engage the support of RSC counselors through an online platform which allows RSC to hold free confidential counseling sessions; call 733-7373 to arrange your first session with a Rose State counselor or email counselingservices@rose.edu to arrange a session.

Housing: RSC is leaving the decision of when to terminate to their students and are not requiring them to depart. RSC has modified check out procedures for those deciding to terminate. RSC is putting paperwork online and allowing students to submit everything electronically. RSC has eliminated the requirement for students to clear their apartments with a member of their Residence Life staff and students can deposit keys in a drop box. RSC has implemented guidelines to housing residents regarding social distancing, hand washing, etc., and has made cleaning kits for cleaning apartments. RSC has increased cleaning and sanitizing of all common areas and has tightened the visitors/overnight guest policy. The Rose State College Foundation Board is committed to supporting current RSC students who are needing financial assistance during the COVID-19 pandemic. The fund will provide home internet access for students who do not currently have the service, assist students with a portion of their outstanding spring semester balances, and other immediate needs. It’s important for students to complete the spring semester and enroll in virtual summer classes at RSC. The Foundation wants to ensure that students will complete their education without any barriers. To be considered for COVID-19 student relief, the students must currently be enrolled in at least six credit hours and complete the COVID-19 student relief application found on RSC’s COVID-19 webpage. The applications will be reviewed by a campus committee, and the Foundation office will notify the grant recipients.

Commencement: Rose State College will conduct a virtual commencement ceremony on Friday, May 8, 2020 to recognize its graduating class of 2020. In addition to comments from President Jeanie Webb, the virtual ceremony will consist of remarks from Chair of the Rose State College Board of Regents, Betty J.C. Wright, as well as the traditional challenge from the Faculty Senate President and acceptance of that challenge by the President of the Student Senate. Each graduate will have the opportunity to have their name announced as a personalized slide appears. Graduates will receive an invitation to participate in the virtual ceremony in the coming days. It is extremely important that graduates provide RSC with the requested information by the deadline. The class of 2020 will also be invited back to campus to participate in the ceremony with the class of 2021 in May of that year.

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.

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 May 7)

Employees: SSC has cautiously decided to resume normal work schedules on campus again beginning Monday, May 11, 2020. All SSC employees will report to their respective offices and will work their regularly assigned hours, Monday through Friday. For now, our doors will still be closed to the public and classes for the summer will remain entirely online. It is highly encouraged to continue social distancing and keep cleanliness and safety a priority. It is also recommended to continue to hold meetings virtually if possible. Employees will be receiving an email detailing information about the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) that provides certain employees paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19. These provisions are allowed, as needed and approved, through December 31, 2020. This information will all be posted on the COVID-19 update section of the SSC website. Beginning the week of May 25, 2020, the SSC campus will return to adjusted summer hours and be closed on Fridays during the months of June and July.

Students: SSC will continue with online/virtual delivery of classes through the end of the spring semester. Any student who is diagnosed with COVID-19, or is exposed to anyone who tests positive for the virus should inform the President's office immediately. The computer labs in the David L. Boren Library will remain open to students who may not otherwise have access to technology, and for access to the campus Food Pantry. All events and meetings, involving 10 or more people, will be cancelled immediately until further notice. The Raymond Harbor Field House will be shut down immediately for student and public access and a deep cleaning of the facility will commence. With
the suspension of all spring sports by the NJCAA, athletes will be instructed to remain at home following Spring Break and not return to residence halls. The SSC Food Pantry will be open during the hours posted on the SSC website. For concurrent enrollment, concurrent students must complete an Online Application for Admission to SSC at www.sscok.edu. A student wishing to attend concurrently must submit a Current Enrollment form signed by the high school principal or counselor, parent/legal guardian, and the student each semester. Currently, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SSC is accepting emails as well as signatures for approvals. Please visit the SSC website for more information.

Housing: Campus housing has been closed since before Spring Break, and will remain closed for the semester. SSC is requiring students to move out and is scheduling specific days and times for students to come to campus at staggered times to retrieve their property. Each student will be allowed one hour to clean and retrieve property from his or her room and will be allowed one person to come inside the residence hall to assist in property removal. Rubber gloves, disinfectant, and sanitizer will be available to students and their help if needed. A staff member will be in each of the two residence halls to assist. These staff members will also have access to rubber gloves, disinfectant, and sanitizer. Students were provided instructions regarding move out via student email and a post on the home page of the SSC website. SSC is discussing several options regarding providing credits and pro-rated refunds for room and board. These will be considered on a case-by-case basis and will be based on many factors, including financial aid status.

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: There will be a ban placed on all college-related out-of-state travel through the end of the semester, May 8.

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: No updates at this time.

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.

Tulsa Community College (as of May 12)

Employees: As TCC transitions to remote operations, the majority of employees are asked to conduct their work solely from home. Except for essential staff required to keep TCC facilities safe and secured, and/or to provide essential services, all employees are asked to work from home until further notice. Effective March 20, employees are authorized to come to campus to secure necessary equipment and supplies to support remote operations between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. daily. This access will include the weekend and will be available until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 27. Employees are asked to access their respective campuses through designated entry points and must have their TCC ID visible at all times. All personnel are required to practice effective social distancing.

Students: Spring semester courses will remain online for the remainder of the spring semester. Faculty and staff are currently setting up remote operations for student services. For the immediate future, all campus facilities will be closed to the public. The campuses, including the Metro campus, will not reopen prior to April 6. The TCC campus Bookstores at Metro, Northeast and Southeast are processing online and phone orders only. No foot traffic is allowed inside the store. Instead, the bookstore staff will bring the order to the student’s car for pickup. The Bookstore at West Campus is temporarily closed.

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: TCC advises students to comply with the CDC Travel Warnings. If TCC community members are traveling out of Oklahoma and within the United States, they are asked to please monitor the status of COVID-19 in the state and city they are visiting as well as in Oklahoma. If possible, 48 hours prior to return, travelers should contact the TCC Emergency Manager regarding return to campus recommendations.

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: After careful consideration for the health and safety of our students, faculty and staff, a comprehensive redesign of the Fall course schedule is underway. 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.

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 May 6)

Employees: Western’s executive team has put a lot of thought into the next three months and with the assistance of our Board of Regents we are ready to move forward with a plan. As with anything COVID-19 related, this is the plan for right now and could potentially be amended. May 4-May 28 – Employees will continue to telework. Campus will remain closed to the public. Summer hours (7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday) will begin Monday, May 18. This is one week earlier than initially planned. June 1-July 2 – Employees will return to normal working hours (7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) in shifts consisting of Monday/Wednesday and Tuesday/Thursday schedules. Department supervisors will stagger shifts so each office will be staffed Monday through Thursday. Staff will continue to telework when not on campus. Campus will remain closed to the public. July 6 – All employees will return to a normal work schedule (7:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.). Campus will be open to the public on a limited basis (scheduled appointments and limited outside guests/customers). August 3 – The campus will be fully operational with potential limitations (large gatherings, social distancing, etc.) based upon guidance from the City of Altus and State of Oklahoma.

Students: Western has moved exclusively to virtual delivery for the remainder of the spring 2020 semester. Students are encouraged to communicate regularly with their instructors and make use of a wide variety of resources that are available online (https://www.wosc.edu/index.php?page=covid19#updates). Two computer labs will be available for student use and will be open Wednesday, April 1 for WOSC students only. Hours of operation will be Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. Enter through the HLC sliding door entrance on the south side of the main building. A maximum of 8 students will be allowed in the lab at one time. WOSC students must bring student ID or other photo ID with proof of enrollment and must check in with the attendant at the HLC Help Desk. No children will be allowed and please do not come if you have a cough, fever, or have potentially been exposed to COVID-19. All college-sponsored events and activities are suspended until further notice. Spring sports competitions and practices have been canceled in light of recommendations by NJCAA and NIRA.

Housing: Student housing at Western is no longer available for students and the deadline to moveout is Friday, April 3. Those students who have not returned to campus following Spring Break must make an appointment with Jimmy Poe (jimmy.poe@wosc.edu or 580-477-7945) before returning to collect their personal belongings. Students are limited to bringing one individual to help them move. WOSC is providing cleaning supplies, soap and hand sanitizers to students and regularly cleaned common areas. Once the student is finished, the door to the room is sanitized and locked. The Business Office will process pro-rated refunds based on the student’s account status through the remainder of the spring semester for room & board payments. The Business Office has processed credit adjustments for Room and Board for the Spring semester. If these adjustments resulted in a refundable credit balance, then the credit balance was refunded to the student. Please check CampusConnect for up-to-date information regarding your student account balance.
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: Fall enrollment will open June 8. This will allow us to focus on summer enrollment and placement testing and still provide excellent services to all of our students.

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 of May 18)

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.

Students: As of March 23, all classes have been shifted to online instruction for the remainder of the term. Most 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. Most buildings will have limited access. Student Union operations, including the bookstore and post office, will resume limited business hours. The Cowboy Café will close all dining rooms and offer a limited menu for take-out. Culinary Arts has discontinued meal service for the remainder of the term. All guided campus tours have been suspended temporarily. However, we will be offering virtual tours via Facebook Live.
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: No updates at this time.

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.

Oklahoma State University-Oklahoma City (as of May 12)

Employees: All campus buildings will be closed through at least May 15. The only exception to the campus closure is for students to use the computer lab in BT 200 from 3 to 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. This lab is for students only and can accommodate a maximum of 10 students at any time. WiFi is available to students and the public in the main OSU-OKC parking lot, near the Administration and Science Buildings.

Students: All classes at OSU-OKC will be conducted online for the duration of the spring semester. All campus buildings will be closed through at least May 15. The only exception to the campus closure is for students to use the computer lab in BT 200 from 3 to 7 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays. This lab is for students only and can accommodate a maximum of 10 students at any time. WiFi is available to students and the public through the main OSU-OKC parking lot, near the Administration and Science buildings. Nursing, Paramedicine, Radiologic Technology, Cardiovascular Sonography and Veterinary Technology students should contact their department head for further direction on clinical experiences and campus labs. The OSU-OKC Help Desk is available for technical
assistance and computer access issues at helpdesk@osuokc.edu. All community events and advisory board meetings are canceled until further notice.

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.

University Centers

University Center at Ponca City (as of May 4)

Students: The University Center is open for summer hours. The office will open Monday, May 4th at 8 a.m. Students can make appointments with Bron or Ellan. The UC is open for students who do not have internet access or computers. Currently our hours will be Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. We encourage and have implemented CDC approved social distancing in each of our rooms and computer classes.

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.
University Center of Southern Oklahoma (as of May 21)

Students: The University Center of Southern Oklahoma is planning to open later this month for students who rely on campus facilities. Murray State College and Southeastern Oklahoma State University, schools that each offer summer courses at the Ardmore campus, have announced summer semester classes will be online only in the wake of COVID-19. UCSO President Peggy Maher said that facilities and resources will be available, including classroom space for instructors who choose to schedule study or lab sessions. Technology services like internet and computer access will be available at the Ardmore campus. Print services, IT assistance and meeting spaces will also be available. Tutoring center and math lab will be open if tutors are available. Maher said students may also make an appointment to work with Education Opportunity Center counselors. The campus will be open for the first day of classes with social distancing and sanitization practices in place. Guests will sign in at the reception desk to help with potential contact tracing if a visitor or employee later tests positive for COVID-19. Maher said staff will be wearing face masks and she encourages students to do the same. MSC classes begin May 26 and Southeastern classes begin June 8. Students are being directed to enroll either online or by phone, and Maher said UCSO students should ask their advisor to enroll them in an Ardmore section.