



# Nebraska State College System

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Dear Students and College Community,

Plans are coming together for the Fall 2020 semester at Chadron, Peru, and Wayne State Colleges. The leadership teams at each of the Colleges and the Nebraska State College System continue to work to provide you quality education and college experiences while in consultation with state and local health officials to develop safety measures in an effort to limit the spread of COVID-19 on our campuses.

We intend to offer as many of the face-to-face educational, athletic, and extracurricular opportunities as possible during the fall semester while following the guidelines established by federal, state, and local authorities to prioritize public health. The Colleges are working to proactively reduce the risk of exposure for all students, faculty and staff. However, we cannot do this without you. Each of us must work together as a community to take the necessary steps to protect one another and lower the risk.

In order to give us the best opportunity to mitigate risk, we have established the following guidance for all members of our College communities.

- **Education:** Everyone returning to campus will receive information regarding safety precautions, self-monitoring, testing, and contact tracing.
- **Social distancing:** We will be encouraging you to limit close and extended contact among people on campus. Remaining six feet away from others whenever possible while on campus will help to prevent the spread of the virus. Please follow any signage posted by your college to facilitate social distancing, including those signs specifying the number of people allowed in a particular area at one time or defining exits and entrances.
- **Face coverings:** Everyone is encouraged to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth even when maintaining social distancing of six feet is possible. Current CDC guidance indicates that masks are an effective tool in the fight against transmission and will be required in the classroom. Each of the colleges will set guidelines regarding the use of masks in designated locations and facilities.
- **Self-monitoring and assessment:** Everyone is expected to self-monitor for symptoms, and to take the necessary precautions if you have potentially been exposed to COVID-19 or have had any symptoms over the past 24 hours, including: cough, runny or stuffy nose, shortness of breath, fever, difficulty breathing, chills, body aches, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. Anyone with symptoms should consult their healthcare provider. We plan to implement protocols for routine self-assessments. More information will be provided at a later date.
- **COVID-19 Reporting:** Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 should self-isolate for at least 14 days AND must be symptom-free for an additional 72 hours before ending self-isolation. State and local health officials will work with anyone who tests positive for COVID-19 identify

and contact any others who may have been exposed. The College will work with you so that you can continue your coursework. For those living in residence halls, the Colleges will assist you in making arrangements for self-isolation and meal delivery.

- **Travel:** We encourage students to avoid any unnecessary travel during the semester and to carefully consider the potential risk of off-campus activities.

These guidelines will help us further reduce the risks associated with COVID-19, and with your help, we can do a great deal to safeguard our college communities. Chadron, Peru and Wayne will continue to communicate with you regarding the specifics for your College as more details become available. I encourage you to check your email and college websites regularly for updates

As always, thank you for adapting to these challenges, and for your steadfast dedication to Chadron State, Peru State, and Wayne State.

With sincere gratitude,



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