

CHADRON STATE COLLEGE

Dear Students and Employees,

With more cases of COVID-19 being confirmed in Nebraska and throughout our region, the Nebraska State College System and Chadron State College have decided to extend the Mid-Term Break for an additional week through Friday, March 20. No classes will meet on campus next week, but offices will remain open. Online classes that begin Monday, March 16 will still go on as scheduled. This extended break will allow the college time to adjust programs and coursework, adapt instructional methods, and prepare other responses, including our infectious disease plan, to address the spread of COVID-19.

The college will make another announcement early next week that will determine the course of action for on-campus events.

Students please know that if you are traveling back to campus and can't change your plans, we will accommodate you. Essential services such as the cafeteria and residence halls will remain open.

At the time of this letter no cases have been reported at Chadron State College or in Dawes County. College officials will continue to collaborate with the System Office, the Panhandle Public Health District (PPHD), and other health officials to monitor the spread of this contagious disease.

It is important to know what you can do to help maintain the health of Chadron State College and our community because it takes each person doing their part to reduce the spread of COVID-19. If you are returning to campus from a community experiencing community transmission or known community spread, please call the PPHD at 308-262-5764 before returning to the Panhandle. You will need to self-quarantine and complete monitoring for 14 days. You will receive more guidance once you have made the call. Please also call Chadron State College's Student Services at 308-432-6231 to alert them of your situation.

If you are not sure if the community you are returning from is experiencing community spread, please visit the following links:

- United States: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-in-us.html>, scroll down to the map of state reporting cases of COVID-19 to CDC, hover over the state you are returning from, if it says Community Transmission: Yes, self-report.
- Outside the US: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>, scroll down to the map that says Search COVID-19 risk assessment by country. If you are returning from a country with Widespread Sustained Spread: Yes, self-report.
- If you were at a state or country that is undetermined, but you know there is community spread in the city you were visiting: Yes, self-report.

Chadron State will continue to post updates on its web page <https://www.csc.edu/covid19/>. Information will continue to be emailed and some announcements may arrive as text messages because this is a rapidly developing situation. If you need to sign up to receive campus alerts, visit <https://www.csc.edu/alert/>.



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As Dr. Powell said in his email to campus yesterday, these are stressful times, but please do not let the stress define this situation. Stay calm and know that we are attempting to provide you with the best decisions and care we can provide at the time. I know the decision to extend the Mid-Term Break will likely cause additional burdens on both students and employees. Nevertheless, we are all in this together and I want to thank you all for being understanding. Together we can continue to make the health and safety of our campus community our top priority. I sincerely appreciate your thoughtful attention to these issues.

Thank you,



President Randy Rhine



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