

CHADRON STATE COLLEGE

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Dear Campus Community,

I hope your summer is off to a fine start and you and your family and friends are staying healthy. As you know, Chadron State College plans to welcome back students Monday, Aug. 17, for the start of the fall semester. Many people are working diligently to ensure our campus remains safe and healthy and I applaud their efforts. It is important our campus remains a safe and welcoming environment. Although the current pandemic is a challenging situation to manage, let me assure you all Chadron State College decisions are only implemented after carefully considering the health and safety of our students and employees.

We are all looking forward to having our campus community whole again, but with everyone returning, it is important to remember that we must work together to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 on campus and in Chadron. In order to do that, we must all do our part. Practice good hygiene, avoid social gatherings, and conduct regular health screenings on yourself at home before you come to campus by checking your temperature and monitoring how you feel. Another important way to help mitigate the spread is to conduct a personal health assessment. If you have not already signed up for [Test Nebraska](#) and taken its health assessment, please do so. I encourage everyone to visit that website and follow its directions. If you currently live out of state, please use the college's address, 1000 Main St., Chadron, NE 69337, to complete the health assessment.

One of the groups addressing the many issues COVID-19 brings in regards to education and employment is CSC's COVID-19 Implementation Team. Beginning Monday, June 29, this team will send a weekly email about CSC's responses to this ever-changing disease and other pertinent details. The information from the Implementation Team next week will cover the college's health response protocol. A face-covering policy for students and employees will also be shared.

The Implementation Team also recommended to suspend the college's Infectious Disease Response Plan (IDRP) and follow the [NSCS Guidelines](#) that were developed by the System Office and with substantial input from the three state colleges. I support this recommendation because there were unintentional conflicts between the IDRP and the NSCS Guidelines. Institutional clarity is important and CSC students and employees should not be expected to receive guidance from more than one plan. As this disease has evolved, so have our plans. There are relevant addendums from the IDRP the college will still implement, but for guidance related to the current pandemic, refer to the NSCS Guidelines.

To summarize, students and employees, please begin conducting regular screenings on yourself before you come to campus, and take a personal health assessment test at [Test Nebraska](#) and follow its guidance.

Wiley Brooks, CSC's third president, said at the beginning of WWII, "If we fail to improve our people, we have not improved the United States. National health is national strength." Nearly 80 years later, Brooks' words still ring true. The collective health and safety of everyone at CSC is paramount. Please continue to take care of yourself and those around you.

Be well,



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