

# CHADRON STATE COLLEGE

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August 10, 2020

Dear Campus,

We are officially less than one week away from welcoming students back to campus and returning to face-to-face instruction. While the decision to have students return to campus may have its detractors, it was made in conjunction with Chadron State College's commitment to keeping all students and employees safe while providing a high-quality education.

Recently, I have heard several stories about how excited students are to return to campus. A colleague told me about a student who called and said he was hesitant to enroll because online classes didn't work for him in the spring semester. When he learned classes are face-to-face, he felt a sense of relief. While students recognize this semester will not be a complete return to a typical college routine, the new normal will allow them to focus on their studies and find opportunities for engagement.

Returning to face-to-face instruction will only work if we all accept personal responsibility for our health and the health of others. The college has done a large amount of work in a short period of time to create a safe learning and working environment and I commend everyone's efforts. Although our campus' ability to remain healthy relies on guidelines and policies, it is most dependent upon each of us taking personal responsibility to Protect the Nest. Avoid large groups, practice social distancing when possible, and follow the requirement of wearing face coverings in all public spaces on campus.

Panhandle Public Health District recently released some guidelines when it comes to schools reopening. You'll see them below, but simply put, please wear a mask whenever you are around others.

- When a masked person tests positive and those exposed are wearing masks, the COVID positive person will isolate, and the close contacts will self-monitor.
- When an unmasked person tests positive and those exposed are wearing masks, the COVID positive person will isolate, and the close contacts will quarantine.
- When a masked person tests positive and some exposed are not wearing masks, the COVID positive person will isolate, and the close contacts with masks on will self-monitor, and the close contacts not wearing masks will quarantine.
- When a masked person tests positive and those exposed are not wearing masks, the COVID positive person will isolate, and the close contacts will quarantine.

Students and employees, if you feel sick, stay at home and monitor your symptoms. Those who work with you or teach you will understand why you're not there and will do what they can to help.



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Since the early autumn days of 1911, new students have entrusted their education to CSC. Although there is plenty of uncertainty going on in the world right now, I'm pleased to know CSC can still be considered a home away from home for our students and a safe, enjoyable work environment for our employees.

I am eager to welcome everyone back. I am also confident we can work through our current situation. I challenge all of you to make this semester one to remember for reasons other than COVID-19. We can do that by respecting one another, remaining gracious, being mindful of our health and the health of others, and possessing an eagerness to improve our current situation.

Let us remember Chadron State College's wonderful history and follow the words of this institution's second President, Robert Elliott: "May we labor together in the spirit of real service, to the end that the achievements of the future may keep pace with the progress of the past."

Be well,



President Randy Rhine

